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# Outback tucker

There is perhaps no more practical addition you could make to your backyard than an outdoor kitchen. Elisabeth Knowles unearths some expert tips on how to create the perfect open-air prep area, from the humble to the grand.

## THE KITCHEN PAVILION

When you're entertaining outdoors, there's nothing more frustrating than having to pop in and out of the house to prepare food or stock up on drinks – especially when you have tricky terrain to negotiate, such as on this steep block in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

This self-contained pool room, designed by architect Luigi Rosselli in conjunction with landscape designer Will Dangar, is the ultimate grown-up cubby house. It has everything you'd ever want to spend hours entertaining friends in the garden – without needing to disrupt the flow of festivities by clearing plates. The space includes a separate shower area and changing room for the pool, as well as a dining room and kitchen with microwave, sink and integrated fridge. A lime-yellow Marblo resin splashback and benchtop brightens the area.

"The real benefit of the pool house is its openness," says Rosselli. "Vertical louvred walls allow it to open or close to the elements and make it feel connected to the garden." ▶

