



'When Richard and I want a mini break we don't have to go far. We just head down the garden and cocoon ourselves. It's "glamping" at its best.'

just the peace and tranquillity of a cosy little fire under the stars.

Debbie and Richard's secret getaway has not remained a secret for very long, with word spreading, so they regularly have friends and family visiting to enjoy a stay in this unique guest accommodation. 'It has become really popular,' says Debbie, 'and Richard and I have to take our turn, but it's always worth the wait.'

'The Shepherd's Hut is our own personal oasis, the ability to relax. It is easy to see why this charming retreat is a magical weekend home, conveniently placed at the end of the garden. —



My advice

Before I set on designing a garden building to be sympathetic to its surroundings, we wanted to make sure our building offered the best of everything: rustic, modern, a country-cabin aesthetic, or Shepherd's Hut style with a twist, which would be something special with age, and the contrast of which the building's exterior would be. We chose green oak for the frame and exterior cladding, which complements the garden.

TIP Richard, Debbie and their two border terriers, Max and Cassie, enjoy the countryside.

LOVE The tranquil view from the Shepherd's Hut is as calm as the hut's new, rustic interior.

Style Notes

Draw inspiration from the homely and rustic accessories in the Shepherd's Hut



COUNTRY-INSPIRED

This multi-coloured linenwood throw by Amica is versatile enough to use all year round. from £82, Pure Luxuries.

2. BURNING Made from distressed card flags, this floral patterned burning will be a hit at summer parties and costs £7 from Talking Tables.

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3. LOG BASKET Avoid having to make too many trips out in the cold to collect logs by keeping at hand a simple rattan log basket, £70 from Garden Trading.

4. JARS Display assorted wildflowers in this elegant cream pitcher, £27.50 from Butterfly Lane.

5. TABLECLOTH Add rustic charm to your dining room with John Lewis's cotton check tablecloth, £45.

6. BOTTLES Recreate the country-cabin look with these genuine deer antlers, £345 at UK Taxidermy.

7. BOTTLES Retro glass bottles arranged on

a windowsill make a pretty display, from £15 each, House of Fraser.

8. CANDLES Scent your home with one of these pretty packaged fruity candles, £44.99 for a set of six at Casa Candles.

9. ALARM CLOCK Wake up on time with this stylish cream twin-bell alarm clock, £14.95 at

The Jeweller.com.

10. RUG This reindeer hide rug makes a cosy finishing touch to a sitting room or bedroom, from £120, The Fabulous Fleece Company.

11. CUSHIONS Choose from Anta's colourful range of beautifully finished tweed cushions, priced £78 each. —