IMAGINED BRIEF / RESIDENTIAL

The Courtyard Kitchen



Six friends for supper. A California bungalow kitchen opens onto a shaded courtyard, turning the island into a place to prepare, serve and talk.

From a garden door to an outdoor room

Both images visualize the imagined bungalow from the same side of the room.



Imagined starting point

A four-place table occupies the cooking room. The court is reached through a single door beside it.



Proposed layout

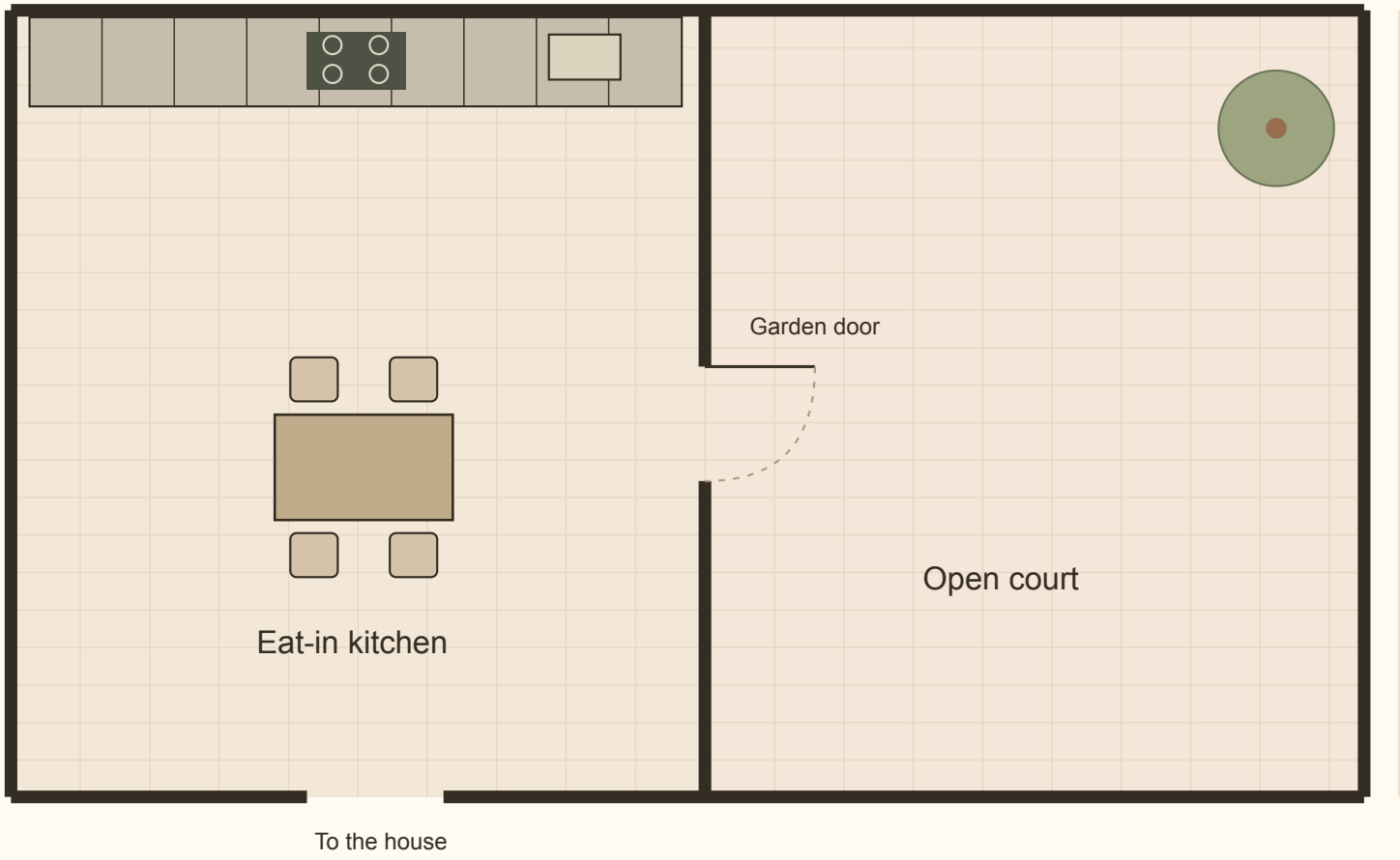
Folding panels open the kitchen to a shaded terrace. Guests walk along the outer side of the serving island.

Why move the table?

Keeping the table indoors would put pulled-out chairs across the route to the garden. An outdoor kitchen would make everyday cooking dependent on the weather. The proposal retains the cooking run and moves the gathering place a few steps beyond it.

Initial arrangement

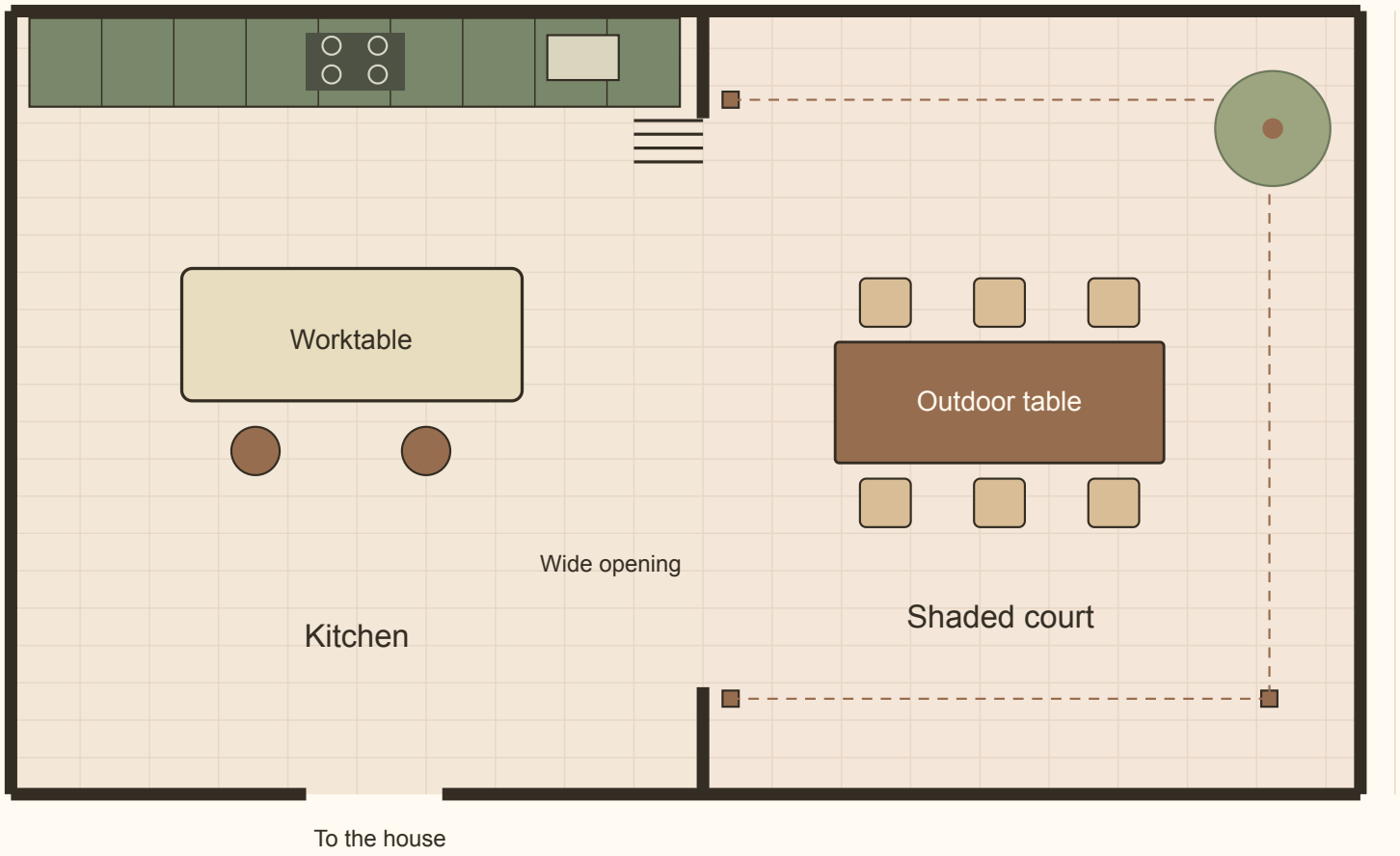
A single door connects the court to the kitchen. The small dining table occupies the center of the room.



Illustrative space plan for an imagined site. The house entrance is shown at the bottom.

Courtyard proposal

The worktable follows the retained cooking run. The new opening leads directly to the six-place dining table. The dashed outline is the pergola above.



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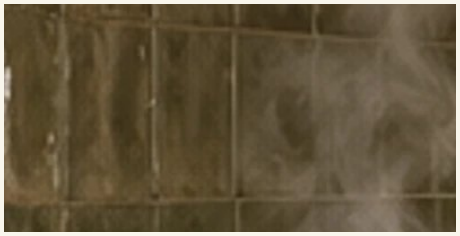
Inside meets outside





Terracotta pavers



Olive glazed tile



Honed limestone



Walnut

A continuous terracotta floor links the near edge of the island to the table in the shade.