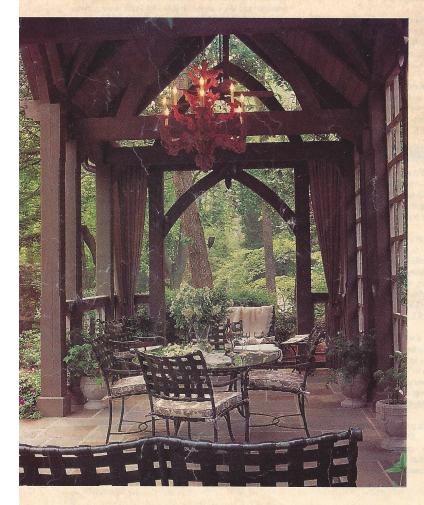
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Inside, an antique light fixture provides elegant "dining room" ambience (above). Two ceiling fans come to the rescue on warm days.

A tongue-andgroove ceiling, exposed joinery, and decorative corbels (*left*) bring the structure a handcrafted look.



The garden house (above) features a steep slate roof and Gothic details, complementing its quaint English-country environs.

Enchanted Garden House

This tidy garden, set on the fringes of a wooded Georgia hillside, seduces you away from daily worries. Until recently it lacked a centerpiece. But now, an open garden house invites you to savor the storybook setting.

The garden house is designed to complement the adjacent home—which features traditional, almost Gothic, styling—with a slate roof and green-stain siding and trim. But the challenge came in bringing the garden structure to the main home's level of old-fashioned craftsmanship.

After erecting the garden house atop an existing flagstone patio, the builders planed, stained, sanded, and hand-rubbed the rough-sawn cedar beams and posts. The resulting patina appears convincingly antique.

The structure is left open on all sides to let breezes through. Lattice panels—stained beige to contrast with the green framing—embellish some of the openings. Carolina jasmine is being trained to scale the latticework and will someday complete the romantic scene.

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