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Being outside is in!

Outdoor spaces are becoming increasingly important parts of our homes – that is clear. We socialise, read, cook and relax outside. Comfort and aesthetics have become just as important when choosing our outdoor furniture as they are when furnishing our homes. That’s something we welcome at Brafab. We live and breathe outdoor furniture.

WE WANT TO SHARE our knowledge and we always aim to inspire you and help you design your perfect outdoor space. Among other ways, we do that through this magazine: **Brafab Thinking Outside**. This is where we give you new ideas and solid advice about what to consider when it’s time to buy a new sofa, dining table, or chairs for your outdoor space. Comfort is one of our most important pillars – no matter what your preferred style may be, you will always have a comfortable seat in our furniture. That is the best way to enjoy life’s memorable moments outdoors.

WHEN YOU BUY from us, you know you’re getting well-made outdoor furniture that is thoughtfully constructed, in a tasteful design made with sturdy materials. We also have all the accessories you could possibly need. You can visit our expert retailers to ask questions, try out our seating and get a feel for our outdoor furniture. Sometimes, it can also be nice consider a purchase in the peace and quiet of

your own home. At **brafab.com**, you will find information, prices, tips and inspiration – and of course, you can also make your purchase online. Choose your preferred retailer and whether you want to pick up your order or have it delivered.

BRAFAB has a substantial legacy upon which to build. We began as a small, family-owned company in the 1930s, when the focus was initially on producing various hand-made products. We soon added pine garden furniture to the mix, and since then, we have grown and evolved into one of northern Europe’s biggest outdoor furniture companies, with sales both within and beyond the continent. And we remain as committed as ever to our relationships with our employees, suppliers, retailers and customers.

WE HOPE YOU FIND INSPIRATION IN THIS magazine and welcome you to visit our other channels. Throughout the year, you can find inspiration and guidance on our Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages, as well as at **brafab.com**

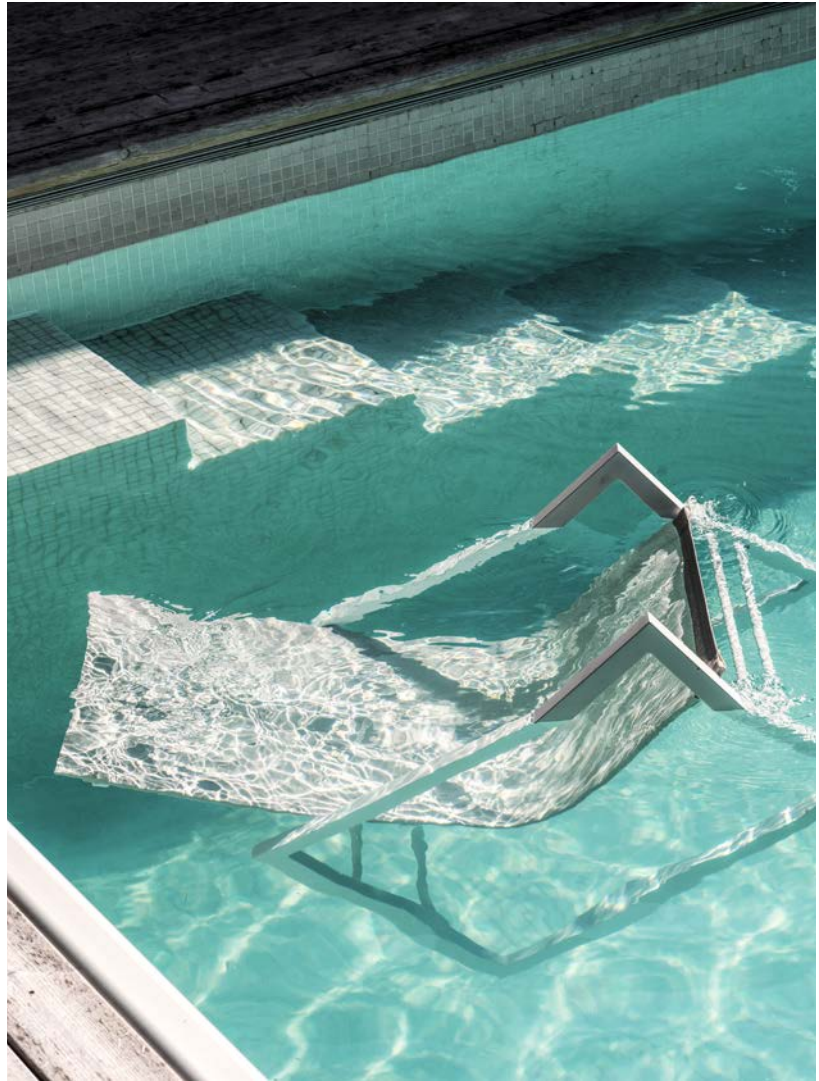
HAPPY READING, and we wish you many lovely moments on your balcony or patio, or in your garden.

Ida Hedunger,
Marketing Manager



“Comfort and aesthetics have become just as important when choosing our outdoor furniture as they are when furnishing our homes. That’s something we welcome at Brafab.”

Vevi lounge chair.



Relaxing poolside

Is anything better than spending a summer day by the pool, where a cool swim is always an option? With adjustable loungers in waterproof materials, it's easy to follow the afternoon sun, and with a dining table by the pool, you can enjoy being beside the water even when it isn't time for a swim.



1. Paliano parasol. 2. Galloway lounge sofa. 3. Delia lounge chair. 4. Vevi sun lounger. 5. Gäster cushion box. 6. Blixt lounge group.

Brafab's new colour, Dusty Green, is the cherry on top when it comes to nature-inspired furnishings for your outdoor space. Shown here on the Innes armchair.



A broad base, inspired by nature

Black, white, anthracite and Khaki. Soft, natural colours remain, but Brafab's 2023 selection also includes toned-down yellows and greens. People want to feel secure in uncertain times, and materials and design are infused with key concepts like sustainability and low maintenance.

“At the same time, we're expanding the style further. There should be something for everyone,” says Paul Thur, one of the product managers at Brafab.

TEXT KERSTIN THOMASDOTTER PHOTO ALICE JOHANSSON & PRIVATE

Paul Thur is a product developer at Brafab.



PAUL WORKS AS A product manager at Brafab and has a background in furniture -making - an interest he keeps alive in his spare time. Together with the team at Brafab, which handles design and product development, in autumn 2022 he began sketching the range for 2024.

“The season is getting longer and longer - retailers are keen to offer new arrivals in stores already in January each season. That's fun, and it's also challenging,” he says.

FOR THE 2023 SEASON, Paul notes that trends of the past few years are still present. Basic colours that can be mixed and matched are important, and furniture should be low-maintenance and long-lasting. The overall style should also be infused with nature - preferably with a Scandinavian influence.

“Black, white and grey, preferably

leaning towards anthracite, are still big. Khaki can be added in if you like, as well as our new colours, Dusty Green and Lemon. These colours are summery, but not too harsh. You can combine them with basically everything from our selection.”

A BROAD BASE that can be paired in endless combinations is the foundation of the collection this season. The focus has been on expanding the style and thinking sustainably.

“You don't buy new patio furniture every year; you should be able to add new pieces that work well with what you already own. Our customer base isn't niche or narrow; on the contrary, there should be something for everyone,” says Paul.

LOW-MAINTENANCE MATERIALS that can stand up to wind and weather remain popular. Aluminium and stainless steel are two examples. While

aluminium is lightweight and easy to move around, stainless steel is a bit heavier, but is essentially still maintenance-free.

“We’ve also worked with a new material, composite stone, which we’ve used for example in a new series of coffee tables.

The tables in the Zten series are square and look like big blocks. But they’re light enough to carry; only the surface is made of composite stone. Inside, the frame is aluminium.”

The tables are very easy to care for and are good examples of the trend of bringing the inside outdoors, which has been on the rise in recent seasons.

ANOTHER NEW design element is found among the new B45 tables. Here, the team worked to arrange the legs to make space for two rather than three people between the legs at the middle of the table. This way, more people can sit outside of the legs.

“As a result, it’s still cosy and intimate with a smaller party of maybe just three or four people seated at the table. Otherwise, you would have to spread out at the ends.”

PAUL HIMSELF NAMED a new sunchair in the range, the Poul Chair – a play on the words “pool” and Paul’s name.

“I designed it from the ground up, and that’s what we do at Brafab with most of our products.”



Zten is a coffee table series that makes a statement, with its raw, natural look. The beautiful composite stone and cubical contours are ideal for anyone who wants to take their outdoor furniture to the next level.

“The team continuously keeps an eye on trends in order to be well prepared when it’s time to take a seat at the drafting table.”



The B45 dining table in aluminium has a modern feel - restrained and simultaneously inviting. Sound-absorbing paint on the underside of the table softens the clatter of glassware and dishes. Paired with the Gusty dining chair, with its soft, quick-drying cushions, and the elegant and modern Briza rug, you will want to sit in this dining set often and for a long time.



Lerberget is a premium series that is beyond the ordinary both in terms of quality and design. In stainless steel with wide decorative ribs, beautiful armrest details, and extra comfy cushions, this chair is lovely to sit in and to behold.

“Something that clearly indicates a sense of hope is colour.”



The Vevi lounge armchair, shown here in Khaki, is a timeless classic that suits all types of outdoor spaces. It comes in multiple colours and also has a frame in teak for a softer look.



The Poul chair is a cheerful and playful addition to a poolside furniture arrangement. Shown here in white, Dusty Green and Lemon.

THE TEAM CONTINUOUSLY KEEPS an eye on trends in order to be well prepared when it's time to take a seat at the drafting table. They peek at indoor furniture and visit trade fairs, and also bring in influences from other industries.

“I'm really interested in industry, and I like to visit mechanics workshops to see how they work.

Studying their handiwork can give us new ideas and sometimes even ideas for our own new trends.”

IN THE COMING YEARS, Paul thinks people will want to feel more hopeful, which is also reflected in the world of form and interior design.

“Something that clearly indicates a sense of hope is colour. That doesn't have to mean that our customer base is buying bright, bold colours exactly – rather, they might want a more subdued palette, which is often preferable when it comes to outdoor furniture that should last a long time. Our new colours, Dusty Green and Lemon, are two examples of colours infused with hope and joy, and that we also hope will feel on point for a long time.” ●

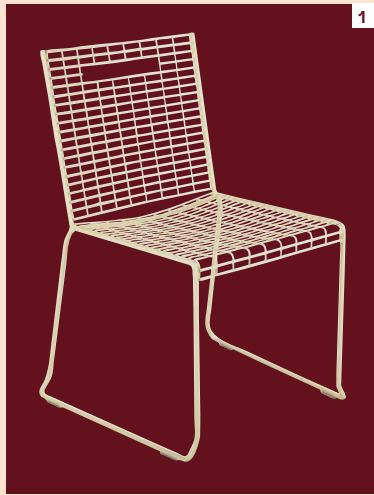
Clear trends for 2023

- **Colour palette with a broad base.** A continued focus on easy-to-combine colours: black, white, anthracite, Khaki. Addition of the colours Dusty Green and Lemon.
- **Bringing the indoors outside remains trendy.**
- **Low maintenance is popular.** Materials that require minimal maintenance, like stainless steel and aluminium, remain popular.



Summery additions

This season's new contributions to the colour palette sing of the promise of summer. Dusty Green and Lemon can be combined with essentially everything in Brafab's selection, and offer a fresh, new look.



1. Sinarp chair (made in Sweden) in Lemon.
2. Delia armchair in Dusty Green. **3.** Innes chair and Nox table with frame in Dusty Green. **4.** Niobe side table in Dusty Green. **5.** Poul chair in Lemon.

One table, three styles



Stylists Maja Furenberg Ring and Atta Ring run the design agency Studio In.

Long-lasting and sustainable outdoor furnishings call for timeless, high-quality outdoor furniture. Our favourite furniture tends to be adaptable pieces that work well in a wide variety of settings. For example, take a look at Brafab's Nimes table, which easily melts in with many different settings and can withstand our Nordic climate. The stylists from Studio In show how to use Nimes as a base to create a modern, natural or sophisticated outdoor space.

TEXT JOHANNA LAGERFORS / STUDIO IN PHOTO ALICE JOHANSSON STYLING STUDIO IN

The elegant Doga chair is stackable and cast in impact-resistant plastic.



Inspiration

Modern

“Colour is ultra relevant this season, and we’re seeing a lot of green. The chairs we chose for this style have a playful look without feeling child-like. Look for furniture with curved contours, preferably in materials like aluminium or plastic. Colour is also important in the decorations; pick up the same colour from the chairs for the right look. Here too, soft and organic shapes feel best for this style.”

Elegant with a natural feel. The Covelo chair, in airy woven synthetic rattan, is very comfy to sit in.



Natural

“To create an earthy style, we’ve chosen chairs in synthetic rattan. They give the dining space a warm and cosy feel, even though the Nimes table might be perceived as fairly hard, both in the material and in the black colour. To finish off the style, add more natural materials through your decorations and contrast with clear glass and white textiles to add freshness to the look.”

The Delia chair comes in several styles, shown here as an armchair in Burnt Paprika.



Sophisticated

“To create a sophisticated style, we’ve chosen sturdy materials and furniture with a high level of design and quality. Work with quiet colours in both the furniture and details. We’ve opted to pair rust red details on the chairs with uniform beige decorations on the table. Form is important in this style, so use a high level of design throughout the dining set.

How we furnish outside



Blixt is a modern and - above all - comfortable outdoor furniture series for long evenings spent outside. The modules can be used together to make a sofa, or separately as armchairs.

How do you design a beautiful yet functional outdoor space on a large terrace, in a lush community garden, or on a balcony in the city? Linus Fernström, Elin Lannsjö and Hannes Mauritzson are three well-known Swedish interior design fans who generously share their knowledge and ideas.

TEXT JOHANNA LAGERFORS PHOTO ALICE JOHANSSON AND PRIVATE



In the Vevi lounge armchair, the Fernström family enjoys the view in the most comfortable way possible.

PHOTO FRANCIS LÖFVENHOLM



Linus Fernström
@villafernstrom

Linus Fernström and his family live high on a hill outside of Stenungsund (on the Swedish west coast), with a view of the sea and the undulating landscape down below. With the goals of maximizing the view and meeting the family's needs, he designed this modern house with a large patio, and currently runs his own company: Fernström Arkitektur.

You designed the house yourself. What were your thoughts when it came to the outdoor environment?

“I wanted to incorporate the coastal landscape outside, with the sea and the rolling bays; I wanted that to harmonise with our outdoor space. The outdoor space is usually the clearest meeting between the landscape and a building, and in this case, I wanted to create a gentle transition to the understated style of the house. Hence the curved, organic shapes of the balcony.”

What are the keys to creating a pleasant outdoor space?

“I believe in creating multiple rooms. A room for sun, a room for shade, a room for a cosy place to have coffee, but where you could also throw a party. The furniture should be flexible so that the outdoor space can serve different functions.”

How did you choose the colours and materials?

“Our entire house is designed with the idea of scaling back in order to focus on the view. That’s why we’ve

chosen a clean design with earthy colours, which also recur in the environment around the house. We’ve chosen substantial patio furniture with thick, fluffy cushions, because the furniture shouldn’t look too small on the relatively large balcony. And of course, because it’s comfortable to sit on! It’s important to not rush your outdoor space. Be patient and see where the sun, wind and mood change with the different days, weeks and seasons.”

Tell us about one of your favourite items from Brafab’s selection.

“What we like most about our patio furniture from the Blixt series is the sustainability, comfort and design. What more can you ask for from your outdoor furniture?” ●

“I believe in creating multiple rooms. A room for sun, a room for shade, a room for a cosy place to have coffee.”



“For an outdoor space, I always look for really comfortable furniture that can also softly and beautifully melt in with the surroundings.”

How would you describe your interior design style?

“I always return to natural materials that are also vivid and become more beautiful over the years with use. As a ceramist and stylist, I enjoy working with lots of colour, which might be why I like to quiet things down when I’m inside the four walls of my own home. Here, I prefer to focus on a quieter palette that soothes the soul and senses. But I also like to add a little excitement for the eye, which I do with colour, various styles, volume, or materials that get to crash together. For me, this also contributes to a sense of a more personalised home.”

How do you create an outdoor space that feels homely?

“I think about my outdoor environments in the garden as different rooms, and I enjoy working with elements that clearly delineate and define a room. In the garden, the roof can be a beautiful parasol or the crown of a knotted apple tree. That generates a sense of intimacy. The walls might take shape through climbing roses meandering up a

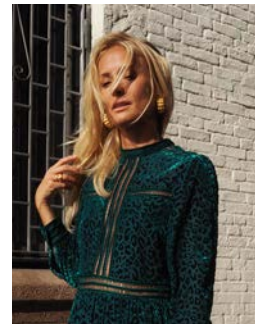
trellis. The floor also frames the rooms of the garden, with grass or a space outlined with stones or gravel. Cushions, blankets, wonderful textiles and pillows all add to the inviting atmosphere, and for the cherry on top, I also consider lighting – decorating with lanterns and candles when it gets dark.”

What materials do you focus on in an outdoor space?

“For an outdoor space, I always look for really comfortable furniture that can also softly and beautifully melt in with the surroundings. Here at the allotment garden, it’s so nice to have patio furniture in natural materials and soft, organic shapes. I’m especially fond of Brafab’s Vallda series in natural rattan, which creates the feeling of a lovely Mediterranean breeze in the little cottage garden.”

In your opinion, what distinguishes Brafab’s products?

“Brafab focuses on both function and high quality, which I think is clear. Brafab has a wide, flexible selection, which makes it inspiring and really fun when I’m looking for ideas and inspiration for my projects.” ●



Elin Lannsjö
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Elin Lannsjö lives in a classic “landshövdinge” building in Gothenburg in Sweden and extends her time outdoors by creating a living room in the garden at her allotment garden cottage. She furnishes with natural materials that melt into the surroundings and piles on the soft cushions, pillows and other textiles to create a cosy feel.



The Vallda series in natural rattan adds a touch of romance to any outdoor space.

“The most important thing to me is that the outdoor furniture can tolerate rain, wind and weather, and that it’s practical with a beautiful design.”



Hannes Mauritzson

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Hannes Mauritzson lives in Gothenburg in Sweden and has a small city balcony that feels like a countryside oasis. Soft and timeless design, quality and greenery come together here with the otherwise fairly hard courtyard in the neighbourhood of Linnéstaden. Hannes enjoys opening things up and blurring the line between indoors and out.

What is your interior design style?
“My style is a combination of old and new. In our new home in Gothenburg, we’re very inclined to add colour and pattern to Scandinavian design – I think that makes a home more vibrant. Romance meets Danish design. I pretend I live in Paris once in a while; maybe that’s what I’m trying to make my home reflect. I use wood and light textiles as a base and then pull out all the stops with cushions, blankets and decorations – which is easy to do on a budget. Something old, something new, something borrowed.”

How do you maximize the use of a relatively small balcony?

“For me, it was most important to have a smaller, round café table that allows for chairs to be arranged from any angle. This gives you room for more people and there aren’t any edges to walk into when trying to pass. Then we chose to add plants that do well high up – so you don’t have to cover every centimetre with flowerpots; instead, you can just have one, where your geraniums or sweet peas can grow, thrive and take up space. Wonderful.”

When it comes to choosing outdoor furniture, what is most important?

“The most important thing to me is that the outdoor furniture can tolerate rain, wind and weather, and that it’s practical with a beautiful design that stands up to the test of time. That’s how to furnish

sustainably – both for the budget and the environment. This strategy is more useful than ever now, because we’ve just bought a holiday home. We’ll be taking some of our furniture with us there. And it will be just as beautiful there as on my balcony, but will get to take up more space.”

In your opinion, what distinguishes Brafab’s products?

“The fact that you get excellent quality at an excellent price. With Brafab, you don’t have to compromise – that is what I think makes Brafab stand out on the market. They also have an incredible selection, which means that no matter who you are and what your budget may be, there’s something for you.” ●





The Doga armchair and the Loire café table create an atmosphere of real cosiness on Hannes Mauritzson's balcony.



The Naos dining table with its beautiful teak ribs is made to accommodate plenty of guests, while the Delia dining chair in matte-lacquered aluminium complements the table's steel legs.



Lilja table, Lenora armchair, Paliano parasol and Mito parasol base.

Let us be your guide!

At Brafab, we know how much there is to consider when choosing new outdoor furniture. Materials, durability in the face of weather, comfort, style and price are just some of the parameters. Our goal is to share our knowledge in order to guide you from idea all the way to purchase - so that you can find furniture that meets your specific needs. In this guide, we have gathered advice on tables, chairs, cushions, and maintenance. You can also always find help in stores from our expert retailers.

Pors lounge group, Nolli coffee table, Pamir table with lighting, Nimy cushion and Honung blanket.



Relax, eat, or both?

Relaxing and lounging, drawn out dinners or maybe something in between? To get the most out of your outdoor space, you need to consider what you primarily use it for. That will make it easy to choose the right outdoor furniture and to optimize use.

TEXT MARTIN ERIKSSON

It doesn't have to be hard: good outdoor furniture is versatile! In Brafab's furniture, you will always have a comfortable seat.

When we design our collections, we generally start from three different areas of use: lounge, low dining and dining. Seat height and table height tend to be what make different areas of use possible, and just a few centimetres can make a big difference.

The more you know about how you want to use your outdoor space, and the more you have tried out and gotten a feel for the furniture, the easier it will be to choose the right furniture based on your needs and circumstances. ●

→ **Lounge:**

Now this is what we call relaxation. It's easy to fall asleep in our lounge groups, thanks to the excellent comfort. These are usually lower models with deep seats. Read a book, enjoy a drink, and set the glass down on a table that is around 50 centimetres tall, for a cohesive lounge feel.

1 Lyra

A stylish sofa with statement-making design. With nice, deep seats and a comfy angle, you'll be able to relax in style.

2 Skalfort

You can combine and furnish with the Skalfort series as creatively as you like. The materials and design will last for generations.

3 Sandkorn

An elegant and restrained series with inviting proportions in a relaxed New England style.

4 Galloway

The ultimate relaxation in a contemporary cubical design. With the help of its unique filling, this lounge furniture moulds itself to your body.

5 Pors

One, two, or three people can sit very comfortably on extra thick and soft cushions in a durable fabric with a lovely texture.

6 Naos

Clean lines and timeless design with a modern twist.

All furniture shown here is available in different variations, visit brafab.com to see more.



→ **Low dining:**

This concept is ideal for enjoying a nice cup of coffee. This relaxed and comfortable seating is slightly higher than the lowest pieces in the lounge series. It is perfect for coffee or lighter meals. Low dining tables are usually between 60 and 68 centimetres. This furniture is a great choice for balconies or smaller outdoor spaces where the furniture serves several different purposes.

1 Rana

Exquisite design meets high quality - at an appealing price.

2 Samvaro

A modern yet classic series in aluminium.



→ **Dining:**

Whether enjoying a weekday meal or a party, you will sit comfortably here with table heights from 70 cm and up. The chairs may have a slightly straighter style, and many have adjustable backs which makes it easy to sit comfortably for a long time. Combine them yourself or choose a series with both dining chairs and a dining table in the same style.

1 Nox/Delia/Innes

The tables in the Nox series come with a tabletop in classic teak or a more austere, elegant patterned laminate top. The aluminium frame comes in two colours: anthracite and Dusty Green. Shown here with the Delia and Innes chairs.

2 B45

B45 in aluminium is a restrained yet inviting table that has space for many people. Sound-absorbent paint on the underside softens the clatter of glassware and dishes.

3 Keros

A series in stylish natural teak. The harmonious form has a comfortable, embracing seat.

4 Gusty

Thanks to understated yet comfy armrests, you will sit comfortably in this stylish armchair. Stackable, easy to match, and with beautiful details.

5 Nolli

Unique design in timeless materials makes this table easy to combine with most chairs. Frame in round aluminium tubing and teak tabletop.

6 Circus

Rustic, round teak tables with space for plenty of people. The bigger versions also have a clever turntable in the middle.

7 Lyra

A large, stylish dining table with 3D-printed glass with a concrete pattern for a lovely texture. Combine with the chair of your choice, or with the Lyra dining chair as pictured.



Chair guide

When it's time to buy new chairs, there are loads of aspects to take into consideration. For example, what you choose could affect whether a dinner lasts for one hour or five, depending on comfort and how well the seating meets your needs and environment. So what do you need to know to make the right choice? We have investigated and will guide you through the jungle of chairs.

TEXT ELLEN SIMON



Chios armchair.

Brafab has several different dining series in which chair height and width match the dimensions of the table for optimum comfort. If you're going to buy a table and chairs from different product series, remember to check the dimensions before buying in order to be sure they fit together! ●

Shopping guide

Consider the number of seats

The width of the chairs and the distance between the table legs determine how many chairs will fit. It's also important to consider leg construction: a round pillar table can fit more people than a round table with several legs.

Consider chair height relative to table height

Make sure there is enough space between the thighs and the tabletop.

Check the armrests

If you want to be able to slide the chairs under the table, it is important that the armrests don't get in the way.

→ **Armchairs**

Thanks to back- and armrests, armchairs offer hours of comfortable seating. A soft seat cushion or a blanket over the back of the chair will make it even comfier. Stylish and cosy!

Examples of armchairs from Brabab:

- 1 Gusty**
The Gusty armchair is stackable, easy to match and has those extra details that will make it a favourite for years to come. Shown here in the colour Dusty Green.
- 2 Innes**
A beautifully wrapped rope around the armrests provides warmth, comfort and is a design detail that makes a big difference. The details match the Lerberget series, but this stackable and stylish chair will pair well with any furniture and table it encounters.
- 3 Vevi**
A popular dining chair that is as comfortable as it is stylish. Sit comfortably all through dinner, with or without the matching cushion. Available in a frame in aluminium or teak.
- 4 Delia**
The Delia chairs come in several different styles, shown here in a version in aluminium. They all have a modern aesthetic and stylishly designed details on the legs and frames.
- 5 Lenora**
A comfortable armchair in a rustic style that pairs beautifully with our teak dining tables.
- 6 Midway**
Midway is a series in twisted synthetic rattan with soft, modern contours. This chair is a classic and works well both with a dining table or in a reading nook.
- 7 Turin**
Turin, possibly the most affordable teak chair on the market. Pair with the Turin seat cushion.



“With a position chair, you can sit upright with great support and also lean back in a relaxed pose.”



→ Position chairs

If you want to sit upright one minute and lean back the next, then choose a position chair. Brafab's position chairs have adjustable backrests, making them suitable for a variety of occasions. The high back of the chair also provides optimum support for the back and neck. A cushion, such as Iduna, will ensure an extra comfortable seat.

Examples of position chairs from Brafab:

1 Julita

Adjustable, folding, stylish and comfy. The Julita position chair in beautiful teak, with straight lines, is perfect for rest and for dinner guests.

2 Andy

The Andy position chair is one of our most popular. Aluminium frame and textilene seat and back, with details in teak or nonwood.

3 Ninja

Ninja is a low-maintenance series of outdoor furniture with endless combination possibilities. The comfortable position chair is available in black or natural synthetic rattan.

4 Veronica

One of our most popular position chairs in teak.

5 Avanti

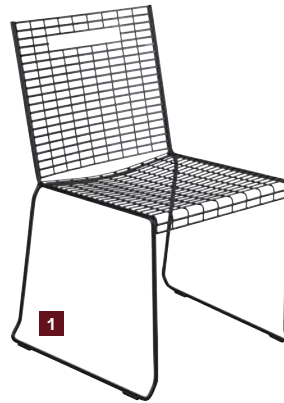
Slick chair in a stylish combination of lacquered aluminium frame and textilene. As well as combining ideally with our tables, the chairs are stackable, which means you can quickly and easily create space when other needs arise.

→ **Functional dining chairs**

Sometimes, you might want to quickly be able to move a few chairs around, or add more if your party at the table becomes a bit bigger. At these times, Brafab's adjustable and stacking chairs are perfect. A lot of them have a cushion for extra comfortable seating.

Examples of functional chairs from Brafab:

- 1 Sinarp**
Simple, despite so many details. This locally designed and made chair will set the tone of your furniture arrangement, no matter which of the many colours you choose. Stackable, and an ideal pairing with the Frisk cushion.
- 2 Gusty**
With understated yet comfy armrests, you will sit comfortably in this stylish armchair throughout summer's long and leisurely dinners. Stackable, easy to match, and has those extra details that will make it a favourite for years to come.
- 3 Bruton**
Bruton is a series of folding chairs and tables in acacia. The chairs are sold in pairs of two.
- 4 Wilkie**
An aluminium series consisting of modern, folding chairs and tables in wonderful colours. Perfect as extra furniture to use when required, as it won't take much space when folded.
- 5 Delia**
A stacking chair with modern design, stylish details and excellent comfort.
- 6 Volos**
A teak series with unique design characterized by clean details and narrow teak ribs. The chairs are stacking and their small size makes them especially well-suited to small spaces.
- 7 Drama**
The director's chair - a genuine classic in carefully selected teak and textile with stainless steel screws and fittings. When you need to make space, you can fold the chair in one simple action.



Less time spent carrying cushions

Brafab's outdoor furniture is developed to withstand the Nordic climate, which can quickly change from sunshine to sudden rain. All of our products can withstand being outside, and to avoid having to carry cushions back and forth with the arrival of a sudden rainstorm, we've given some of our fabrics and cushions extra functionality.

TEXT MARTIN ERIKSSON

We use a so-called liner on the inside of our water-repellent fabrics to help keep the water away. The liner we use is transparent, flexible and resistant to different kinds of dirt.



In every little detail, Brafab has made choices that make our furniture resistant to wear and tear from weather. This is essential for outdoor furniture that lasts in the long run. In most of our furniture with cushions, we use olefin fabric, which offers numerous advantages. For example, it maintains its colour well and will not fade as quickly in the sun as other fabrics. It is both very durable and lightweight. The fabric also lets very little water through – and dries quickly. This makes it perfect for outdoor furniture.

SOMETIMES, IT MAKES SENSE to have even better protection from rain and wet, for example with larger upholstered furniture. For that reason, we've added extra reinforcements to several of our furniture series, to ensure the cushions can tolerate being outside for a long time when showers arrive. ●

We use two different techniques to make weatherproof cushions:



1. Liner - fabric that shuts out water

When we talk about water-repellent fabric, the idea is to shut out water to the greatest extent possible. In other words, the inside will not get wet.

The olefin fabric used in a lot of our furniture has great characteristics for keeping out water, but in some cases it's appropriate to add additional reinforcement. We use a so-called liner on the inside of the fabric to help keep the water away. The liner we use is transparent and flexible, which means you won't feel a difference on the exterior compared to fabrics without a liner. In other words, this fabric is practically made for outdoor furniture.

Brafab's furniture with water-repellent fabric:

- Lerberget
- Skalfort
- Lyra
- Naos
- Blixt
- Kotte lounge chair
- Stettler
- Samvaro
- Ninja





2. Cushions with all-weather foam

When we say cushions with all-weather foam, we mean cushions that will dry after getting wet. In other words, these cushions let the water through and have some form of opening that allows for the inside to be ventilated and to dry when the sun returns. Keep in mind that the cushions will dry faster if you set them up so that water can run out.



Pollux with Kotte

Brafab's furniture with cushions with all-weather foam:

- Callisto
- Gusty
- Battleford
- Weldon
- Kotte pouf
- Pollux



Callisto

Caring for your outdoor furniture



Aluminium, stainless steel and synthetic rattan are the materials that require the least maintenance. Wood requires a little extra care in order to last as long as possible. Tables and chairs need regular oiling or impregnation - this is essential.

Buying outdoor furniture can often be a relatively big investment, and with both the budget and environment in mind, it's important that your furniture lasts for many years to come. Properly caring for your outdoor furniture will extend its lifespan.

TEXT ANDREA BERNÅKER

Tip!

Use Brafab's own products, which are carefully tested on our furniture.

Why is it important to take care of your outdoor furniture?

It will last much longer if you make sure to wash it regularly and bring it indoors for winter.

Think of caring for your outdoor furniture a bit like caring for your car. Most people wash their car when it needs it - but it can be easier to forget about your outdoor furniture.

If I want very low-maintenance furniture, which material should I choose?

Synthetic rattan and aluminium outdoor furniture are practically maintenance-free; simply clean them now and then to lengthen the lifespan. But the cushions will need a little more care than that; be sure to store them under a roof at night, or in a cushion box. You can also use a furniture cover.

I want my wood furniture to last as long as possible. What should I keep in mind?

Wood must be kept clean, and it must be kept from drying out. Protecting wood by oiling it is

Everything you need to make sure your favourite outdoor furniture lasts



Wood protection is an impregnation treatment that lengthens the lifespan of wood by effectively protecting it from moisture and water penetration.



Textile impregnation is perfect for your cushions. Provides water- and dirt-repellent protection.



Wood cleaner cleans and restores all kinds of wood surfaces to their original condition.



In winter or in bad weather, all outdoor furniture benefits from being covered. We have a large selection of covers; visit brafab.com to see more.

a good option, but will make the wood darker. If you want to protect your wood furniture without darkening it, other impregnation treatments are available. These are available at brafab.com.

Can all outdoor furniture withstand rain?

Yes, but acacia and natural rattan should be kept inside a sunroom or under a roof. They can handle a little rain, but will stay beautiful much longer under shelter.

Can any outdoor furniture be outside year-round?

Furniture in any material can theoretically be kept outside, even in winter, but its lifespan will be much shorter. Snow, ice, cold and moisture wear on furniture and shorten its lifespan, leading to the need for more maintenance.

What is the best way to store outdoor furniture for the winter?

First of all, make sure your furniture is dry before you put it away for winter storage. Wood furniture

in particular must be dry before it is covered with a tarp or cover; otherwise, it runs a high risk of developing mould. It is best to allow for ventilation, to prevent the cover or tarp from resting firmly against flat surfaces, such as tabletops. For example, place a bucket on top of the table before covering it to ensure better ventilation than if the cover is allowed to be flat against the tabletop.

Can I put my synthetic rattan furniture in a sunroom with a lot of sun exposure?

Synthetic rattan is a very durable material, but it can get extremely hot inside unventilated sunrooms. Heat can dry out the plastic and make it brittle. It's best to cover surfaces at risk of exposure to direct sunlight.

What should I do if my furniture breaks?

At Brafab, we have a large warehouse of spare parts. We should be able to provide any components you may need to replace on our outdoor furniture, and most can be ordered directly at brafab.com. ●

Create a wonderful and functional outdoor space

- whether large or small





Lerberget lounge group, Hallavara coffee table, Julita lamps.

Atta Ring and Maja Furenberg Ring run Studio In.



To best enjoy an outdoor space, it's important to think about it from the start and make smart choices. Interior design and styling experts Atta Ring and Maja Furenberg Ring offer advice on how to go from an empty patio to a dreamy oasis, with room for everything you could want to be able to do outside.

TEXT JOHANNA LAGERFORS PHOTO ALICE JOHANSSON

SOMETIMES IT CAN be tough to know where to start when furnishing an outdoor space. Small and large spaces have their own particular challenges, but the common denominator is an influence from nature.

“How the sunlight moves is the first thing you should figure out. Where is the sun, when, and for how long?” says Maja.

She founded the interior design agency Studio In with her twin sister, Atta. They furnish both indoor and outdoor spaces, in private homes and for companies. For Brafab, they have worked with outdoor spaces for several seasons. If anyone knows what it takes to give an outdoor space that little something extra, this is the duo.

“When you know where the sun will be, it's time to consider what you want to do in your space. A dining area or

somewhere to lounge –what's most important to you?” says Maja.

Often, you have to prioritize.

“Sometimes we want to fit in multiple functions, other times just one. Some people want lots of sun; others want to create shade.”

THE NEXT STEP is to choose your style. Will it be bohemian and lush, or Italian and modern, with a luxurious touch?

“Many people want to use the interior design style of their home as a jumping –off point, and extend that into their outdoor space. Others start from the architecture of the house and want the outdoor space to work with it well,” says Atta.

Simply put, the idea is to create a style direction for the project. To do that, you can create a mood board, either virtual or physical, or simply gather up inspirational pictures to serve as a model for your vision.



WHEN IT COMES TO establishing a style, one of the most important choices comes down to materials. The type of outdoor furniture you choose determines how much furniture maintenance you will have to do, and will also be important for the visual impression.

“Different materials indicate different things. Wood can be perceived as more romantic, while a steel frame often creates a more modern look,” says Atta.

A given material can also be used to bring contrast to the existing environment.

“Wood furniture actually often works better on a concrete slab or stone surface than on a wooden deck. Hard meets soft. But if you still want wood furniture on your deck, an alternative could be to opt for painted wood to create another kind of contrast,” says Atta.

THE SIZE OF your area also affects the possibilities of your outdoor space, of course. On a small balcony, you often have to prioritise what function creates the most value for you.

“If you want to be able to eat outside a lot, you may need a round café table, while if you only use the balcony to relax, you’ll find a nice sunchair more useful,” says Atta.

Folding or stacking chairs, along with smart and efficient storage, are two key components when you need to bring multiple functions to the same space.

“You can also hang folding furniture up on the wall. Multi-purpose furniture is also absolutely essential in tight spaces.”

DON’T SKIP plants because space is limited – they are important for the atmosphere and can even help create space.

“Instead of placing several pots on the balcony, which takes up a lot of floor space, you can hang plants from



In the Indus armchair, the black aluminium frame unites with beautiful teak details on the armrests.

Quick guide – Create the outdoor space of your dreams from the ground up

- **Map your needs.** How will you use your outdoor space? Does one area need to have multiple functions?
- **Map the conditions.** When, where, and for how long does the sun reach your outdoor space?
- **Create the style – make a mood board.** You can absolutely combine styles with great results, but having a few key words to stick to will make it much easier to create a harmonious look.
- **Choose materials.** What aesthetic look appeals to you most and how much time are you willing to spend on maintenance? In addition, consider what materials are already in your outdoor space, such as the house facade. Do you want to choose something similar for uniformity, or bring in contrast with something else for a more dynamic look?
- **Make it cosy.** Add blankets, cushions and rugs to your furniture. A good outdoor space is one in which you’re just as comfortable as you are in your living room.
- **Add plants and light.** Last, but not least – green plants and cosy lighting are essential.



Together, the Gusty dining chairs, Nox table and Averio rug create a dining set that feels perfectly contemporary.

a hanging plant holder, or plant balcony boxes. Choose plants that get fairly tall so that you have plenty of greenery in a small area.”

IF YOU HAVE a bigger outdoor space, your challenges will be different. The idea here is to create different areas for different functions while achieving a cosy and cohesive feel.

“In large outdoor spaces, we want to create rooms within the room. Framing different sections makes it easier for the eye to orient itself,” explains Atta.

One easy way to frame a section is with large rugs, for example with a sofa set or under a dining table. Today there

are a variety of good materials that withstand the outdoor climate, though they may leave marks on the deck if the rugs get damp and are left for a long time.

ANOTHER WAY TO show where the functional boundaries are is with a parasol as a roof over a particular area. You can also build separators out of big planter boxes, such as Brafab’s large Timjan and Kummin pots. Plant a few trees or some tall reeds, and you will have a nice “wall” to divide the outdoor space.

“Defining areas this way creates a sense of space. It feels more secure to sit on a sofa with a roof overhead



Julita is a dining set with a warm, natural feel. The craftsmanship is evident in the tasteful ribs, and the position chairs make long evenings appealing.



In addition to providing extra seating, the Timjan bench can be used for a greenery arrangement in an outdoor space, and serve as a separator.

or a wall behind you. The boundaries make it cosier and less messy – in other words, better for relaxing!”

GREENERY IS ALSO important for the mood, and can be used to reinforce different styles. For example, lots of little plants grouped together create a romantic impression, while bigger pots have a more modern and ‘clean’ style.

“Think about varying the heights to add some dynamics, which makes a very big difference. You can hang plants, plant bigger pots to have on the ground, or arrange small pots on a table. I love to mix in edible herbs,” says Maja.

One of Atta’s favourite options is to plant short plants in a low pot or dish, almost like groundcover. It looks lovely on a dining table and doesn’t block the view.

ATTA AND MAJA find that their customers value their outdoor spaces more now than they did a few years ago. Lighting, plants and textiles are taking up more space, and we consider furnishing our outdoor spaces the same way we furnish indoor spaces more and more. It should be cosy, stylish and functional – much more



personalised than the lone, rickety dining sets of the past.

“Even if we are somewhat limited by wind and weather, especially here in northern Europe, development has truly advanced on the product side. Today, not only do we have durable outdoor furniture, but also lovely decorative objects, good lighting and fixtures that are made for life outdoors,” says Maja.

By illuminating the outdoor space with lanterns, string lights, or a ceiling lamp made for outdoor use, the outdoor space becomes a room that you can see from inside the home when it gets dark. That creates the sense that the house or flat is bigger, and it fuses indoor and outdoor life together. Today, we don’t just want to eat outside – we also want to cook in our outdoor kitchens, shower in our outdoor showers, and linger at the table well after dinner has been cleared.

“Similarly, we also want to extend the season. We’re getting an extra blanket, an outdoor fireplace, lighting and maybe a patio heater so that we can enjoy time outdoors for more of the year. It’s a smart way to maximise use of the investment you make in your outdoor space,” says Atta. ●



Hillmond table, Delia armchairs.

Innovative solutions

Outdoor furniture shouldn't just be beautiful, comfortable, and withstand any weather. To become true a favourite, it also has to be functional. In Brafab's 2023 selection, you will find several new arrivals with extra smart innovations that make life easier in all sorts of ways.



Thanks to the stylish and convenient handle, it's easy to move the Niobe side table where you need it for the moment. For your book and coffee cup next to the hammock, or as a side table while enjoying coffee with friends.



A towel hanging freely on the back of the chair will dry quickly.



Buildable is brilliant! Many of Brafab's sofas have parts that you can move as you like in order to easily create new combinations.



With a handy built-in butterfly leaf, you can quickly re-set for spontaneous guests and make room for more around the table.

1. Niobe side table in Dusty Green. 2. Poulsen pool chair in Lemon. 3. Galloway lounge sofa in Anthracite. 4. Hilmond extendable table in Khaki.

A leading outdoor furniture brand



Quality, comfort and knowledge. Brafab is a leading outdoor furniture company and through our many years of history, we have never deviated an inch from our core values. In our selection of thousands of products for outdoor settings, you will find what you need to create a personalised, pleasant space that you will never want to leave.

Brafab's history began with farm-to-farm sales in Norra Össjö in Halland, Sweden. Pictured in the middle above is the founder, Bror Carlsson.

AT **BRAFAB, WE** are really, really good at outdoor furniture. We know what it takes for you to sit comfortably for an entire evening, how to design in such a way that will feel right for a long time to come, and how to make furniture that can face the Nordic climate year after year. It is no coincidence that we have grown into a leading brand associated with carefully considered, comfortable outdoor furniture that lasts.

WITH MORE THAN 90 years of experience, we know what we're doing. Brafab is a family-owned company with a substantial history dating back to the 1930s, when we began to sell homemade handicrafts to farms around Norra Össjö in Halland, Sweden. In the 1970s, we began to complement our Swedish pine furniture with imports from the continent, and in the 1990s, the selection was further expanded with furniture from Asia in aluminium, synthetic rattan, stainless steel and more. Today, our selection contains thousands of products and we can proudly call ourselves one of the leading outdoor furniture companies in northern Europe. Our ambition is to offer something for everyone, irrespective of need, taste, or budget.

Whether you're looking for something low maintenance, exclusive, or a particular style, you can always find a suitable piece of furniture from us that was developed with care. Our design and product team develops and follows the products from idea to finished furniture, leaving no detail up to chance.

THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN comfort, design and practical functionality has been a theme in our business since the start. Details, materials and just the right proportions unite to create furniture on which to enjoy a nice, comfortable seat for a long time. It is a recipe on which we never compromise.

BRAFAB currently employs about sixty people in Sweden and Asia. Thinking big, thinking innovatively, and cultivating a local mindset, personal relationships and authenticity are part of the company's DNA and always have been. Our legacy and drive have made us the well-established brand we are today, with sales within and beyond Europe. With our strong spirit of service and belief in the importance of personal relationships with our customers, suppliers and retailers, we are leading our business towards a future in which outdoor spaces have ever-increasing importance for our homes. We want to share our expertise with you! ●



Julita is a fold-away lounge chair with teak ribs for a simple, restful and thoughtful design – as elegant as it is comfortable.



Populär is a comfortable series with a timeless design - showcasing classy, instantly-appealing lines.



The Nolli dining table, with its soft round corners, is a perfect match for the Midway armchair. The Averio rug frames the dining area elegantly.



The generously sized Valda daybed, with its thick, comfy mattress and matching cushions, is an inviting place to relax throughout a summer day and night. A classic design in natural rattan makes it a sustainable favourite.

Play shoreline!

OR MAYBE “PLAY poolside”? Or is relaxing music for a hammock more up your alley? Something cheerful for the kids’ party, or a great beat for an awesome outdoor party?

At Brafab, we know that some of life’s best moments happen in our outdoor spaces. It doesn’t matter if you have a lush city balcony, a generously sized modern deck with plenty of space, or a little secret spot among the lilacs – this is where life happens. You’re at home, you’re off work, and you’re outside.

We have created a few playlists that we hope will make your time outdoors even better. Find your favourite and have fun listening outside this summer!

Set your outdoor life to music!

Follow Brafab on Spotify and find playlists curated especially for summer moments.

Relaxing poolside



Disco for kids



Lounging



Hammock time



Outdoor summer gatherings





Brafab – Thinking Outside

The aim of this magazine – Brafab Thinking Outside – is to inspire you to create an outdoor space that enhances your life. We want to inspire you to create the conditions for a wonderful life outside using our high-quality and sustainable outdoor furniture.

In addition to our magazine, you can find inspiration in our various digital channels and from our retailers. At brafab.com, a website filled with information about outdoor furniture, you'll find our entire selection along with good advice, tips and knowledge. We are happy to share what we know about colour, design, materials, sustainability and smart furnishings.

You will also find current prices, and you can shop from home using our online store, or find information and contact info for our retailers if you would rather shop in person.

In short, our goal is to inspire those good moments in life that are a pleasure to share with others.

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