

**THE GLAMPING POD**

CRAFTSMAN BARNABY DEARSLY makes modern homewares from natural materials he finds at the water's edge near his home on the south Devon coast. His most ambitious project to date was created from the ultimate bit of marine debris: a 13ft-high 'boat pod', fashioned from the bow of a decommissioned wooden fishing trawler.

The pod takes advantage of the boat's chunky oak ribs and curved larch planking, built to withstand Atlantic swells. Dearsly covered the exterior in fibreglass to make it water-

tight, and repainted the boat's waterline and Penzance port number on the side. In the cosy living space, a bespoke wood-burning stove was welded from parts of the original engine and an old mast; and the aluminium-trimmed circular doorway is fitted with a porthole-style door.

'The chance to work with such large pieces of material and give the boat a new lease of life was incredible,' says Dearsly, who envisaged the pod as a children's den, an artist's studio or a writing room. 'She now provides a

wonderful space to relax in, a hideaway protected from the elements.'

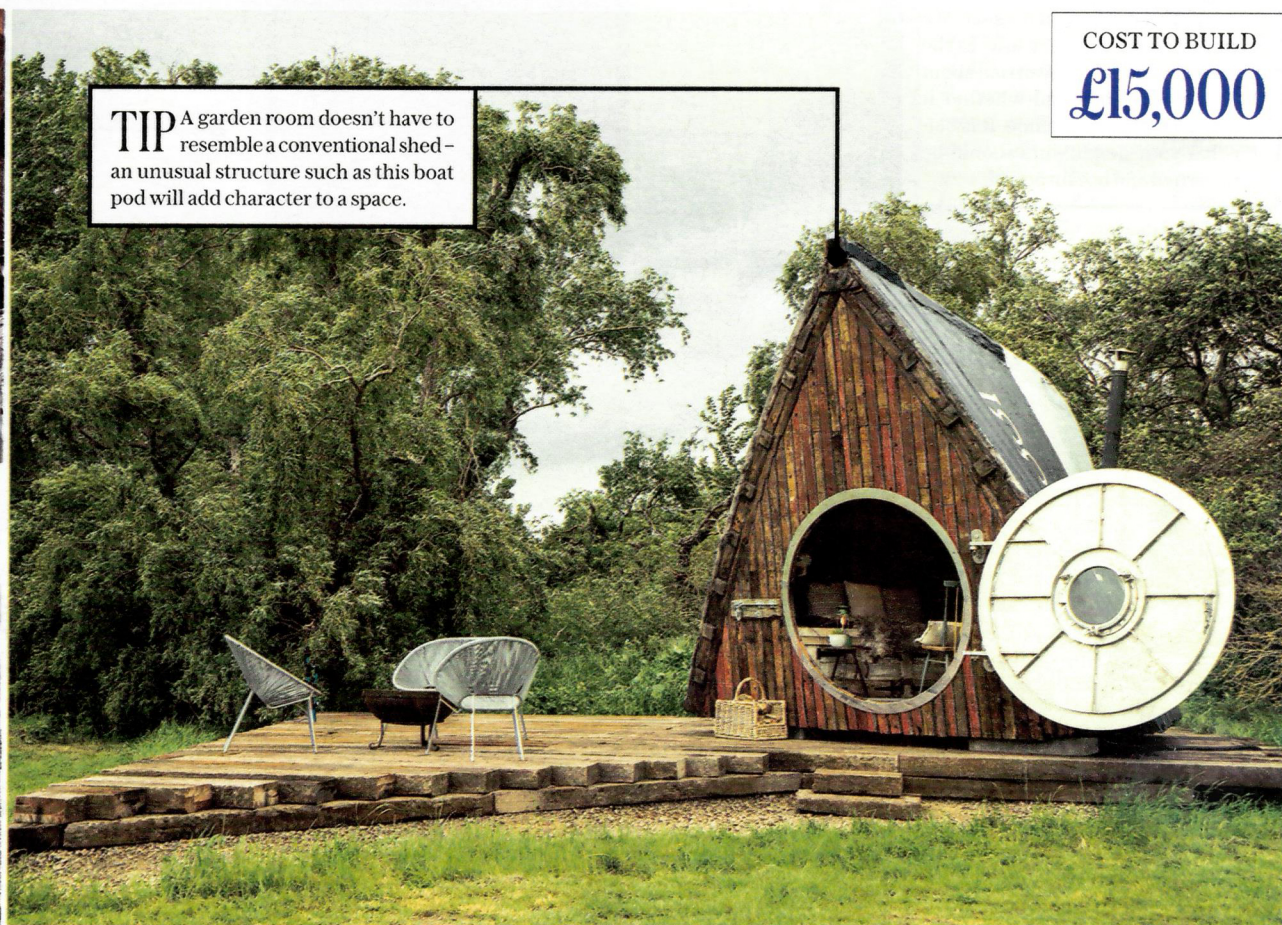
The boat, which has been fitted with electricity, Wi-Fi and running water, is in use as a glamping pod at Hammonds Eau Farm in Cambridgeshire (visit [boatshack.co.uk](http://boatshack.co.uk) for details), offering an idyllic countryside retreat.

*Barnaby Dearsly: [weatheredbywater.com](http://weatheredbywater.com)*

The bow section of an old fishing trawler was refashioned by Barnaby Dearsly into this distinctive outdoor room in the Cambridgeshire Fens

COST TO BUILD  
**£15,000**

**TIP** A garden room doesn't have to resemble a conventional shed – an unusual structure such as this boat pod will add character to a space.



# SUPER SHEDS

Squeezed for space indoors? A quirky garden room or mini annexe will help you spread out. Natalie Millar-Partridge rounds up some stylish examples