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# a table for all

The family table has to stand up to many demands so the design really matters



When Jamie and Jhanfi moved into their new house in Wandsworth, with their sons Noah and Seth, they decided that the focus should be on family meals. So they started by moving their family dining table out into the garden and ordered a new table from Tablemakers to put in their new family dining area.

Their brief to the designer was that it should be able to

seat fourteen adults and two kids comfortably and that it should look stylish but at the same time be fairly childproof so they would not have to worry about the children scratching it or leaving marks. The designers dealt with the first point by giving the table extra large leaves which enabled Jhanfi to invite the whole extended family for Christmas dinner in one sitting. The next point was resolved by the choice of timber. Kerry from Tablemakers said: 'We chose the timber with great care so that it looked nice and should the children accidentally scratch it would not be visible.'

So pleased were Jhanfi and Jamie with their table that they had a special dinner party with close friends, to christen it. Each guest was invited to bring a very special wine of their choice to the table. Jhanfi cooked a deconstructed Beef Wellington - each guest had a pastry in their own initial and the table was large enough for each diner to have the requisite number of appropriate glasses in front of them, without there being any danger of accidents.

'It was a marvellous celebration to mark the new table,' said Jhanfi. 'The table is a great contribution to family life. Not only is it excellent for when we are entertaining but it is used on a daily basis for regular meals and is robust enough to stand up to the wear and tear of family use.'

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