

HARVEST

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Client: Harvest Restaurant



Elkus Manfredi Architects redesigned the landmark Harvest restaurant in 1998, and recently updated the design to refresh Harvest's identity as a premier Boston dining experience. To modernize the space while maintaining the integrity of this signature Harvard Square institution, the redesign expanded on the original concept of the bountiful New England harvest.

Elkus Manfredi enhanced the 5,300-square-foot restaurant's open floor plan by introducing gentle, abundant daylight with sheer drapes of a lustrous, sunny wheat color that accentuate a sense of expansiveness. Updated flooring includes lush, rust-colored carpeting with a minimalist, contemporary pattern and Italian porcelain tile with a vintage bronze patina. Fresh plaster wall finishes add a subtle, three-dimensional texture, and a cream-colored leather wall softens the rear dining area and provides visual contrast around a new fireplace constructed of Chilton Red stone. Refurbished furnishings include tables topped with warm-colored stone; chairs mixing wicker, wood, and earth-toned fabrics; and intimate custom lighting.

Harvest's cozy interior spaces open onto the 900-square-foot exterior "secret garden" that has been named Boston's Best Outdoor Dining Spot. Updates to the garden include unique, 8 x 8 brick-colored tile pavers and a second new fireplace that extends the outdoor dining experience into the golden months of New England's autumn.



