

# Summer salads to keep your tastebuds guessing

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This is Benedetto's mozzarella and anchovies extravaganza. **BENEDETTO**

By August every summer, I'm in a salad rut. I catch myself reaching for the same local produce again and again, and preparing and serving them almost by rote.

So enough already. New England's local summer bounty is too exquisitely flavorful and fresh not to explore in gutsy recipes that shake up our palates. Sure, arugula's spicy, nutty kick is gorgeous, but why not mix in an even bigger bite with peppercress? While everyone loves a good goddess dressing, a just-made [basil pistou](#) sings with equally bright flavor. And until you've swapped a B.L.T. ([bacon, lobster, and tomato](#)) pasta salad for the usual chilled pasta creations, you may never know just what a picnic can truly be.

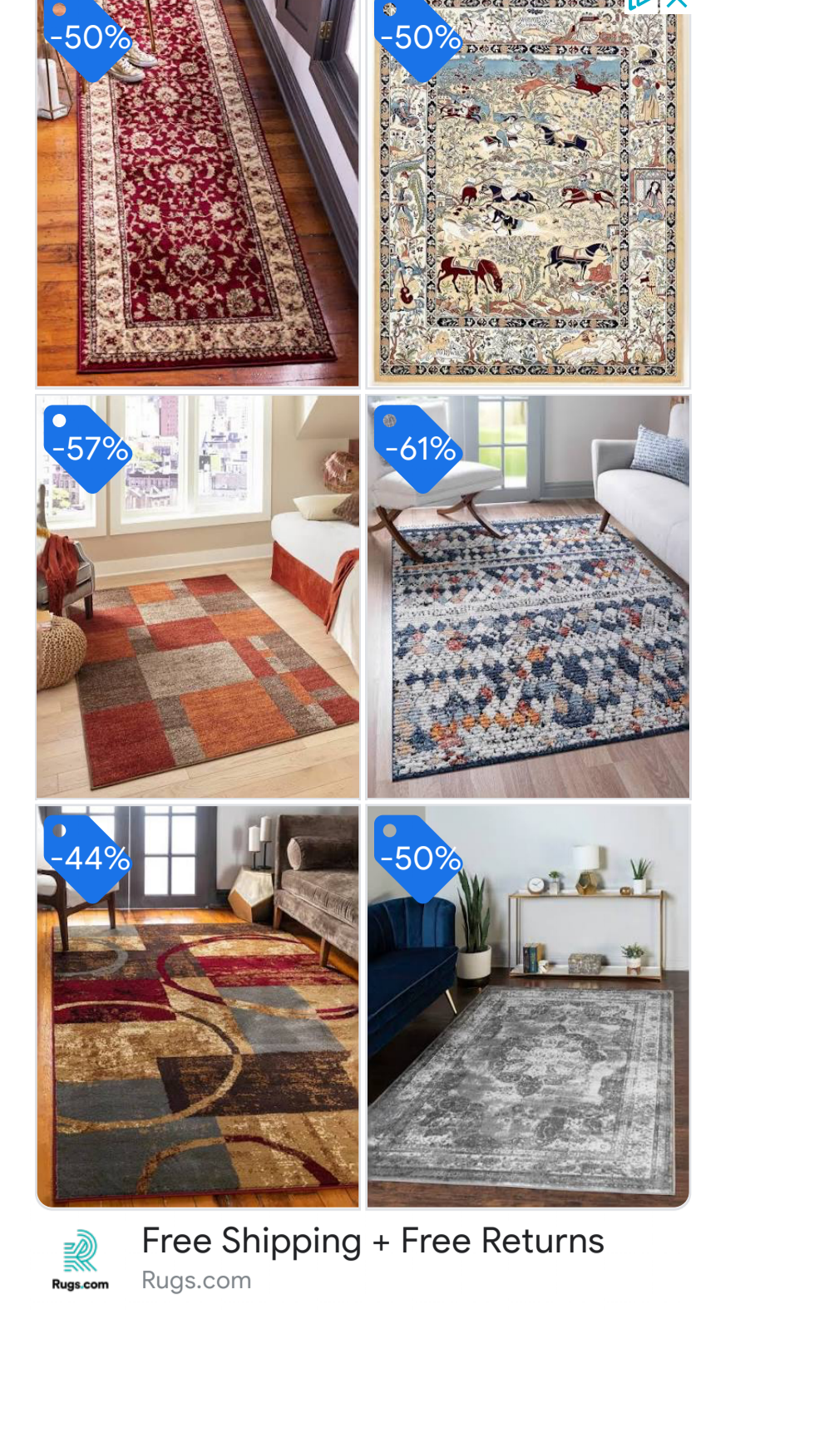
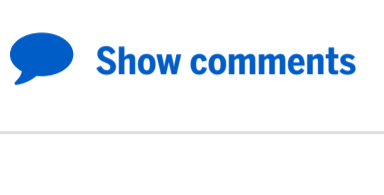
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These recipes from local chefs are both deliciously unusual and unusually delicious, and I tested each in my own kitchen to make sure they were a snap to toss together at home. Dig in.

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