

'New Build' Garden



Do's

- Think about and create a clever layout using your horizontal and vertical space
- Think about the positioning when you decide where your dining area is, you want to catch that last bit of sun
- Take your time developing a good plan before putting a spade into the ground
- Sort out any drainage issues as the clay is over compacted below due to heavy machinery during the build
- Think about your privacy from surrounding houses and windows
- Consider raised beds to aid drainage

Don'ts

- Forget to check your soil depth first before you plant, 40cm for flowerbeds and 10cm for any grassed areas
- Forget to lay lighting cables around the garden for those darker evenings
- Create narrow beds, you will struggle to get layers of height in your planting
- Plant random trees, these will overhang your neighbours in time
- Forget to 'link' the garden with the house via paths and sight lines
- Plant any plants with out taking into account your aspect, sun or shade?

"Life begins the day you start a garden....."

Where to start?



SOIL DEPTH

The soil is often very shallow and this is the first thing to evaluate so dig a few test holes, raised beds can help overcome the issue, you need 40cm of soil for flowerbeds and 10cm for grass. Additional drainage may be needed

DESIGN

Have a think about what you would like out of the space? Seating, Outdoor kitchen, Vegetable Beds, Covered Seating, Screening, Grass, Flowerbeds? There's lots to think of and it's worth getting help with a good plan to start you off

PLAN YOUR PLANTING

This is the exciting bit and the real chance to help cleverly enclose your space, add interest and soften those fences and also bring everything to life throughout the seasons. Its all about the right plant right place in right amounts

GET CRACKING

Take your time with it and work your way out, it's always worth getting professional help and doing it right the first time. Always follow a good plan and limit the amounts of different materials, look at the house as a guide

Features to Include



SCREENING

A planting plan always starts by looking at privacy issues, Pleached trees are a great way of helping screen and their ultimate height is always restricted

SEATING

Your main seating area will be wherever the sun sets. Corner seats are a great use of space and also position table sets for dining. Incorporate gas or log firepits aswell!

RAISED BEDS

A great way of overcoming soil depth issues, you can use sleepers or rendered blockwork, or brick. Then the wall of the raised bed can also double up as seating

STORAGE

Don't make a feature of the shed, screen it if you can, this will also give you an out of sight storage area! Storage could also be below any seating or tables!

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