

equally, you may want to delegate the responsibility to someone else. Either way, it is an aspect you will need to consider from the outset, and if planning to use a gardener to help with maintenance, ensure that this cost is factored into your thinking.

The following chapter showcases the work of a range of leading designers and design styles, providing you with a rich seam of inspiration and illustrating what can be achieved in gardens of all shapes and sizes.

BELOW Realised through the use of different features and materials, the powerful lines in this design create a dramatic picture, with the clean shapes of the architecture contrasting with woodland plants and box spheres.

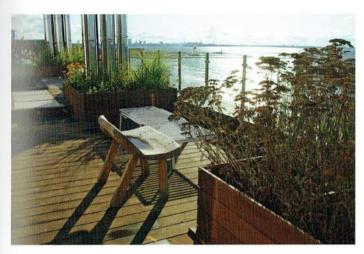
DESIGN BY SARA JANE ROTHWELL

RIGHT Textured treatments of the boundary provide interest in this minimalist-style room outdoors. A log fire inset into an imposing chimney breast adds a practical feature while maintaining the design intention.

DESIGN BY DEAKINLOCK







FAR LEFT, TOP The primeval ambience of an open fire complements the substantial cubed timber seats that form the centrepiece of this roof terrace.

DESIGN BY ANDY STURGEON

FAR LEFT, BOTTOM The dining area on this roof garden makes the most use of the restricted space, with a built-in bench and slim, elegant contemporary table and chairs.

DESIGN BY STUART CRAINE

LEFT Toughened glass safety barriers on this coastal roof garden protect it from prevailing winds, while providing clear views of the panorama beyond.

DESIGN BY MERILEN MENTAAL

BELOW This elegant design takes into account the need for shade on a roof, using a sail and slatted fencing to shield the lounge area and trees that cast dappled light over the whole garden.

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Slatted screens in western red cedarwood provide an elegant boundary screen for a garden with an awkward change in level. Affording privacy and filtering wind, it is practical yet beautiful.

DESIGN BY CHARLOTTE ROWE

2 Raw concrete screens stencilled with a potent script provide an uncompromising contemporary barrier.

DESIGN BY JAMES BASSON





Mellow dry stone walls afford a timeless solution for a boundary or internal screen, and blend seamlessly into country settings.

DESIGN BY MANDY BUCKLAND

4 A gallery of rusted corten steel panels, softened by foliage spilling through them, form screens to divide up the garden space.

DESIGN BY SARA JANE ROTHWELL

5 The bold patterning of this tiny courtyard plays with perspective as metallic strips continue the patio design up a boundary wall.

DESIGN BY PAUL HENSEY

