



LONG DIVISION

FROGHEATH LANDSCAPES

Using different surfaces to separate a long, thin garden into distinct spaces

Frogheath Landscapes was commissioned to build a townhouse back garden on a long, narrow sloping site. It was transformed into a series of garden spaces, accessed by a meandering route of staggered steps deliberately designed to slow progress through the garden. Different surfaces were used to give each area a separate character without interrupting the flow or clean lines of the garden, culminating in a large entertaining space at the sunnier end.

The brief

The existing site was mainly lawn, sloping down from the house. A pretty greenhouse sat on a grassy slope that did not do it justice. The clients had also built a paved area at the bottom of the garden. They loved the sunny space but realised that the paving was too small for the size of the garden. The designer, Tina Vallis, →

- 1 The original greenhouse is now surrounded by a pretty, productive vegetable garden
- 2 New oak sleepers retain the original ground levels around the bay tree
- 3 Fossil mint Indian sandstone and new oak sleepers
- 4 The larger paved area provides a versatile entertaining space



PROJECT
DETAILS

Project value
£50k

Build time
One year

Size of project
380m²



was asked to create a garden with the same clean, neat and tidy lines as the interior of the clients' house.

They were keen to have different areas within the garden including a lawn, a small vegetable garden and a much larger paved entertaining space at the bottom. They wished to keep the existing greenhouse and also a clipped bay tree. They wanted a garden that was not seen all at once, with some of the areas blocked from view of the house.

The design

The design was led by the difference in ground level between the house and the bottom of the garden and the need to work around the greenhouse and the bay tree. This set the number of steps required to walk from one end to the other. Different surfaces – lawn, stone and Breedon gravel – were used to change the character of the garden areas and the steps and planting beds were staggered to break the view from top to bottom. This also made the garden appear wider.

Challenges

Difficult access down a narrow side path was a problem for moving materials in and out of the garden and awkward town centre parking with traffic wardens did not help!

- 1 The vegetable garden level during construction
- 2 The upper lawn is neatly edged with a stone path
- 3 Wide steps lead down to the patio level
- 4 A view of the finished garden from the house
- 5 White and silver planting surrounds the new patio



ABOUT FROGHEATH LANDSCAPES

Frogheath Landscapes prides itself on delivering successful projects from concept to completion.



Working predominantly within a 35 mile radius of its Burwash Weald base, it uses environmentally sensitive suppliers wherever possible. The company has won two gold medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and collected its third Supreme Winner trophy at the Association of Professional Landscapers awards earlier this year.

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DURING CONSTRUCTION



GARDEN BEFORE

- 1 The new levels are created around the greenhouse
- 2 The original ground levels are retained to protect the hedges
- 3 A new shed was painted black to make it less obtrusive
- 4 The original, too-small patio
- 5 The new patio space after digging out the base
- 6 The original garden viewed from the house



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