

outdoors style

OUR GARDEN HAS *different 'rooms'*

Breaking up a large garden into sections can create different looks, but don't be put off if you have a small plot – just pick one style for your own piece of paradise

Set back from the road, in the village of Tadley in Hampshire, Teresa and Adrian Thompson's old red-brick farmhouse looks like it has been there for centuries.

The Thompsons bought the house 30 years ago as a wreck and have spent time gradually doing it up. "We are almost there and wanted to start to enjoy the house," explains Teresa. To make the most of the outlook at the back, Teresa wanted an orangery to sit in and entertain. "It was having that built that set off the whole plan for the

garden," says Teresa. "Firstly, we had a patio laid and steps up onto the lawn. Our landscaper, Paul, did such a good job we decided to create a proper garden to one side of the house. Paul readily admitted it was too big a job for him, but put us in touch with garden designer Jane Jordan who came to meet us and talk things through.

"My main wish was to have year-round interest," explains Teresa. Jane came up with a design to create three separate "rooms" that lead off one another. The first is the water garden, at the centre of which is a reflective pool. Surrounding this modern pond is gravel then, beyond that, lots of light green euphorbia, cottage garden plants such as old roses, purple Salvia and herbs for cooking. Leading through the pond brings you to the second room – the wildflower garden – created to bring birds, butterflies and insects into the garden. Accessed from the other two spaces is the third room, the twilight garden, designed to be enjoyed in the evening when the flowers give out their scent. >>



Teresa likes to sit on the bench in her wildlife garden watching the butterflies, birds and insects



BIRDS AND BEES
Jane designed this "room" to attract wildlife, and used plants such as Rudbeckia, Lavatera, Allium and Achillea



THE WATER GARDEN



EVENING SCENT
This area is meant to be enjoyed in the evening when the flowers give off their strongest scent



SILENT POOL
In this section, the pool takes centre stage and is designed to reflect like a mirror

How to make it work for you

THE TWILIGHT GARDEN



Choose a theme

Using flowers with one main colour creates impact, and choosing night scented flowers gives the garden another dimension.

Attract wildlife

Not only are they lovely to look at, but bringing wildlife into the garden will combat pests such as aphids, red spiders, mites and thrips. And bees will pollinate the flowers while collecting nectar.

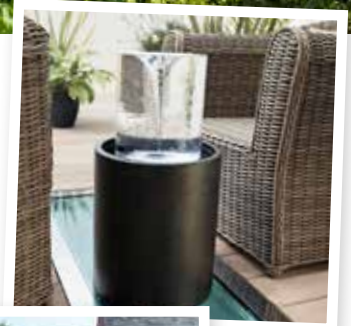


Perfect for attracting birds: Bird nesting box, £5, wilko.com

Ladybird and lacewing house, £24.99, greenhouse sensation.co.uk



If a pool isn't possible, water features are easy to install. Cyclone, £169.99, gardmanwater features.co.uk



For a modern feel, these are stunning: Rusted sphere, from £75, mooredesigns.co.uk; Agave sculpture, from £250, ironvein.co.uk



THE WILDLIFE GARDEN



Just add water

There is nothing so calming as having water in the garden and it makes a great focal point. Choose a water feature that suits your garden, so if yours has a cottage style, a wildlife pond would be best; or if you're short on space perhaps a water fall or rill. **w&h**

NIGHT SCENTED FLOWERS FOR YOUR GARDEN



Evening primrose



Jasminum officinale



Nicotiana glauca white



Eryngium yuccifolium



Nicotiana glauca syvestris



Lonicera periclymenum