





Welcome to my garden

Beth Davies lives here with her black labrador, Thomas

THE PLOT

A good-sized rectangular 15x5m plot belonging to a 1950s three-bedroom house in Strawberry Hill, Middlesex.

THE CHALLENGE

To make the existing space work harder by creating different areas for relaxing.

66I wanted the garden to be a sanctuary and a social space to entertain extending the house out into the garden. I am delighted with the end results 99

his renovation project has been a real labour of love. I'm passionate about gardening and entertaining so I couldn't wait to get going on the garden,' says Beth. 'I hadn't worked with a garden designer before but when I came across Taylored Gardens online I was really impressed with its previous projects.

'As I needed the garden completely redesigned and landscaped it made sense to go for a company which offered both design and installation. Knowing that Matt Taylor's team were taking care of everything from start to finish helped ease the pressure of the project.

'Initially Matt came round to discuss my wish list for the space and then

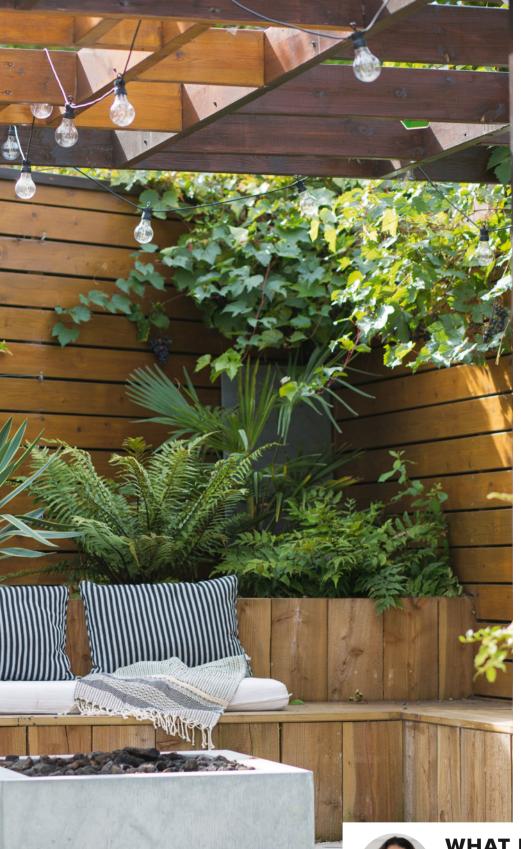
offered some great solutions, some of which would never have occurred to me. It made sense to keep the existing built-in seating and fencing along one side, as it was in good condition. This saved money on budget, as well as time.

'The design included existing features combined with new planting (we chose bold palms for structure) and a made-tomeasure pergola. Once the plans were agreed, the garden was cleared in January of last year. Matt then took care of the landscaping, the pergola, raised beds and planting. The work took two and a half months and cost £45.000 - I can't believe it came together just before lockdown. I feel so blessed to have had such a sanctuary at such a difficult time.'





from a local shop, Charcoal.'





Barbecue area

'I was really lucky with the barbecue, which my lovely neighbour Sheena gave me when she moved back to Australia. It is handy to have it near the kitchen but it's also easy to manoeuvre around if necessary because the unit is so compact and on wheels.'

Pergola

'The idea of having a pergola at the back really appealed to me,' says Beth. 'It gives the seating area a secluded, encompassing feel and the garden real focus.' The pergola was made to measure by Taylored Gardens and cost around £2,500.

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

66 The storage in the seating has worked well. At the time I didn't think that I would need any more – but you can never have enough. Especially as I have an ever-growing cushion collection! 99