



TOWN CASE STUDY

The Project

This was the second garden we'd designed for the same London client, and the brief was simple. He asked for 'a very low-maintenance bachelor's garden that is not too contemporary and offers both a sunny area and some shade.'

The existing garden was laid to lawn with a few enormous shrubs that dominated the space. It was time for some imaginative small garden design.



Low-Maintenance Approach

We quickly realised perennial flowers were not going to work as our client really didn't want to have to think about the garden at all, so this was to be low maintenance in the extreme!

We decided the design should be entirely based around a strong plan with all the colour and interest coming from amazing leaf shape and colour. As with any bachelor's garden, there also had to be a dedicated area for a large barbeque and a shed!



The Happy Ending

As soon as we'd introduced a more exciting layout, we spent a long time planning which plants would look really dynamic as well as fulfill our brief.

We introduced two fantastic spiky Phormiums, the wonderfully large-leaved Actinidia Sinensis – also known as the Kiwi Plant – and a Trachycarpus fortunei to add interest at canopy height. We planted Cotinus Grace for its amazing autumn colour and Ceanothus Concha for its riot of spring purple.

Our client loved the garden and he does pick up some leaves from time to time ...

The twist in the tale is that we are now redesigning it again, because our confirmed bachelor got married and had kids!

