

small spaces



HOT idea Bring interior comforts out into the open. Not just a small garden, this courtyard is more an extension of the indoors. Featuring an outdoor lounge from Eco Concepts that would hold its own in any designer living room and soft furnishings decked in the most sumptuous of outdoor fabrics from Unique Fabrics, comfort is indeed the winner. Interior style also comes out on top as we welcome artwork, by Jay Walker, and curtains, by Saker, into the outdoor room.

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HOT idea Go for tonal furniture with foliage to match. It may seem like trick photography, but it's the true-to-life sepia tones that make this garden a picture. "Nothing is jarring, everything melds and what stands out is the way the organic shapes all work together," says Rick Eckersley. With black mondo grass acting as a low-water ground cover and artwork, furniture and even fabrics in charcoal and toffee tones, the lack of contrast also helps to make this tiny 5m x 5m space feel a little bigger.

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