

OUR GARDEN CRUSH

If we had this **UBER-CHIC SPACE** with to-die-for views we'd only ever venture from sunlounger to pool and back again

Oh goodness, where to start with how much we adore this amazing garden! The pool, the stylish planting colour scheme, the outdoor kitchen and dining area, the almost-hidden hot tub, the beautiful views of the Surrey landscape... Yes, you read that right! This stylish

garden may look like it's a holiday destination but it's much closer to home in the home counties. Nevertheless, we'd be in full holiobobs mode, dipping in the pool, chilling out on the loungers, having a quick re-invigoration in the jacuzzi then getting dressed up to enjoy dinner and drinks al fresco!

With this brief in mind, Debbie decided to transform the expansive west-facing plot, which measures around three acres, into an open-plan space filled with soft planting to contrast with the practical hard landscaping, while still connecting with the further natural surrounds.

SERENE SETTING

"The house and pool were orientated slightly differently from each other," says Debbie. "So to bring them together seamlessly we built curved steps to integrate them." These also provide informal perches as extra seating for guests.

An outdoor kitchen with table to fit eight is shaded by an oversized parasol. And block-planting of fragrant roses and nepeta scents the air, the relaxed planting perfectly balanced with stately topiary balls and low hedges.

ALL ABOUT THE VIEW

"The brief from my clients was that their garden needed to provide the perfect setting for the house and exploit the views but appear soft and romantic in atmosphere," explains garden designer Debbie Roberts (acreswild.co.uk).

It also needed to provide a generous al fresco entertaining space. "They entertain a lot, not just with family and friends, but they also host corporate events," explains Debbie.



A border of agapanthus softens the hard landscaping around the jacuzzi

Holiday vibes abound in this Surrey garden with plenty of space for large parties and family gatherings.

Nepeta 'Walker's Low'

Hebe rakaiensis

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