



Small wonder

This garden shows what can be achieved in a limited space with a little imagination

Keen to make the most of their small rear garden, the owners of this townhouse in south Sydney called on Samuel Ward of Metropolitan Landscapes to give them the modern-rustic outdoor haven they craved. Fed up with their uneven, tired-looking old deck and a paved entertaining area devoid of privacy, the homeowners decided the time had come for a total transformation. They turned to Samuel to update the garden, creating a sheltered, private space for entertaining and a lawn where the children and family dog could play. Combining rustic and modern elements, Samuel's design maximises the space and has a relaxed feel, which is ideal for entertaining. The new deck and paved area sit beneath a solid-roofed pergola. To one side there is a lush lawn and hugging the perimeter of the yard, new garden beds. The deck was built using 90mm spotted gum boards and the area beside it was paved in granite, using a French laying pattern. A feature of the paved area is the corner

bench seating, built out of spotted gum timber and boasting concealed storage, which is a boon for a family. The pergola, with its gyprock ceiling and 140mm merbau posts, provides a sheltered spot for entertaining. From the comfort of the pergola you can relax and enjoy the sight and sound of the water feature. As its backdrop, this spherical fountain has a panel of mini orb corrugated fencing; at its base is a platform of rocks. At floor level, the water feature is framed by a border fashioned out of railway sleepers. Sleepers were also used to create the planter boxes that wrap around the newly laid lawn. Providing additional space for plants, there are double-bricked planter boxes, rendered and painted a striking shade of blue, around the paved area, as well as a vertical garden. Plants play a critical role in the garden's success. Slender weaver's bamboo and shell ginger were planted along the fence for privacy and an existing golden cane palm, located in the corner, was retained. The other planters feature a mix of





plants, which include Indian hawthorn, succulents and lady palms.

Close attention was paid to the garden's functionality and ease of use. Lighting was installed in the garden beds, above the water feature and in the pergola ceiling. There is a 316-grade stainless-steel drainage channel and grate in the paved area, and the irrigation system has two stations, with pop-up sprinklers for the lawns and misting sprinklers for the garden beds.

Metropolitan Landscapes has created a garden with an open feel that is as family friendly as you can get. There is a soft lawn where the children

and the dog spend much of their time and the parents have a versatile, covered space for entertaining. What more could you ask for? **ODL**

PROJECT DETAILS

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