

Lucy's Garden

Royal Norfolk Show 2018
Garden Design Client Brief





Julia and Andrew

Purpose - To create a relaxing outdoor space for their newly purchased weekend retreat in East Anglia.

Function - This garden needs to be a tranquil and relaxing space away from their hectic work schedules.



Inspiration comes from the many textures and features of the beautiful East Anglian Coast, celebrating the historic seaside towns and villages dotted around the area.

This is a place that is very special to Julia and Andrew evoking many happy memories of building sandcastles on the beach years ago when their children were younger.



Julia and Andrew would love to have a tranquil and calm garden that takes them back to the feeling of pure relaxation experienced on holiday.

In the past they have travelled to far away shores to gain a sense wellbeing and restore balance in their busy lives.

Although they know they can't bring the tropical climate back to the UK, they'd love to recreate a sense of the exotic.





Julia and Andrew will use their garden as a multi purpose space to entertain, dine, unwind and create a sense of wellbeing.

Because this is their second home, the garden will need to be relatively low maintenance , so they can enjoy it, rather than work on it's upkeep.

Key Plants and Features



Natural stone paving is curved and waved to replicate the sandy shoreline.



The central decking path mimics Cromer Pier using materials which echo a similar colour and texture.



The pebble lined water rivulets parallel to the deck recreate the experience of taking a relaxing stroll along the pier. Reflections and sounds from the water will evoke calm and wellbeing, and encourage wildlife.

Key Plants and Features



Spectacular towering fronds of the tree fern create dappled shade and represent a more tropical exotic feeling, freeing the mind for happy holiday memories.



The Arch seat at the end of the deck has been selected for its boat like form, and open structure, it offers height and balance to the garden design.



From the seat you can look back to the shore and admire the strikingly tall cobbled lighthouse feature that perfectly represents Southwold's iconic landmark

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Planting will embody the curves of the sea. Structural plants such as Hostas, Buxus and Grasses will be used to define the waves and I will add dappled blues and whites to represent the deep blue ocean and white surf.

Colour Palette Inspiration



White represents safety, purity and cleanliness.

Blue is a calming colour, associated with depth and stability.

Blue is considered beneficial to the mind and body, it slows metabolism and produces a calming effect.

Light Blue is for health, healing and tranquility.

Lilac tones bring romantic and nostalgic feelings.

Purple combines the energy of red, and the stability of blue.