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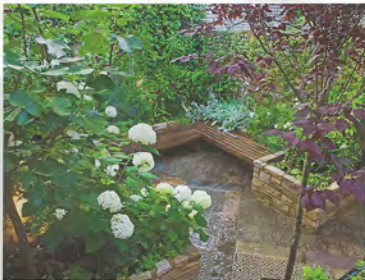
## Design Excellence (overall scheme under £50,000)

### Jonathan Uglow, Nicholsons



**Project** A London retreat  
**Build contractor** Nicholsons Landscaping  
**Supplier** Cotswold Natural Quarries,  
 Travis Perkins

The brief was to create an oasis of green amid the bustle of the city following an extension to the rear of the client's Georgian townhouse. The only definite was that the new garden had to be a snatch of the country — welcoming to wildlife, soft and romantic — as if it had always been there. The client desperately wanted to avoid the lines of clipped box and pleached trees that she felt so often characterise an urban garden but equally recognised that the tiny space (barely 4x7m) needed a strong and coherent design for it to work. Accessed by a wrought-iron staircase leading down from the galley kitchen, the garden is veiled from full view by a purple-leaved cherry. Subtle lighting picks out the features and provides ambient light to extend the evening. A simple irrigation system keeps watering environmentally friendly.



### Patricia Fox, Aralia Garden Design



**Project** Little Eden, Hertfordshire  
**Build contractor** Buildscapes  
**Suppliers** Robin Tacchi Plants, Suffolk Gates,  
 Kent Blaxill, UK Timber

Classic contemporary courtyard garden set within the grounds of a rural property with a grade II listed building and barn-style outbuilding framing the space.

