



A serene spot in the garden.

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Ornamental grasses create a cottagey atmosphere.

The area consists of two individual sections. The front garden is about five years old and has been changed over the years. Ornamental grasses and other plants have resulted in a cottage style, with a classic koi dam which runs almost the entire length of the space.

The side garden is three years old and has also changed a few times. One part is indigenous and the other more towards Moroccan, with Moroccan-style chairs and birdbaths adding to the effect.

Water features and garden ornaments of various kinds abound.

'My garden is aimed at tranquility,' Renée says. 'People usually associate this with boring, but if you follow the basic design principles, you can't go wrong.'

Renée says it's most important for a garden to have interest and liveliness, although how much depends on the individual. Her garden appeals to all the senses, an effect she enhances by using plants like mint and lamb's ear.

Designing a garden is no picnic and each one presents different challenges which give Renée enormous satisfaction when she solves them creatively. She explains that among the biggest challenges are difficult terrain, an awkwardly shaped space, unyielding major structures and a myriad of other factors.

'A garden is an extension of a person's living space,' Renée says. 'It should fit their lifestyle, taste and temperament like a glove. A garden should be beautiful, practical, and most importantly, restorative ... a refuge from the stresses of daily life!'

Renée's garden is on show so people can enjoy the different sections.

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Mosaic adds a dash of extra colour.



Renée Wright.

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A pretty patio.

Pots of all shapes and sizes make good focal points.

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Renée Wright is passionate about gardening. She's an award-winning garden designer and the owner of Eco Landscapes. Albert van Zyl took a walk through her gorgeous Lynnwood Glen garden.

Renée has been involved in the gardening industry for more than 10 years. She's won awards for her garden designs so it's no surprise that her own garden is spectacular. It's filled with breathtaking water features and the different sections provide different settings and moods.

'I've always loved nature and tranquillity,' Renée says. 'I thoroughly enjoy creating a tranquil setting in urban areas - something that reflects a person's personality.' She believes that any garden can be transformed into a haven of serenity.

Renée owns Eco Landscapes which started out doing garden water features about 14 years ago, then moved into garden design as well. Over the years her work has been featured in several publications.

According to this expert, every garden benefits enormously from having a water feature no matter how small the space may be, as the sight and sound of running water adds a peaceful touch. Renée explains that problems invariably stem from bad design or inadequate equipment, but these problems can easily be avoided.

'Mine is a show garden with the different parts all linked,' Renée says. 'People love walking through it and experiencing the setting and the peace.'

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The walkway is attractively decorated.