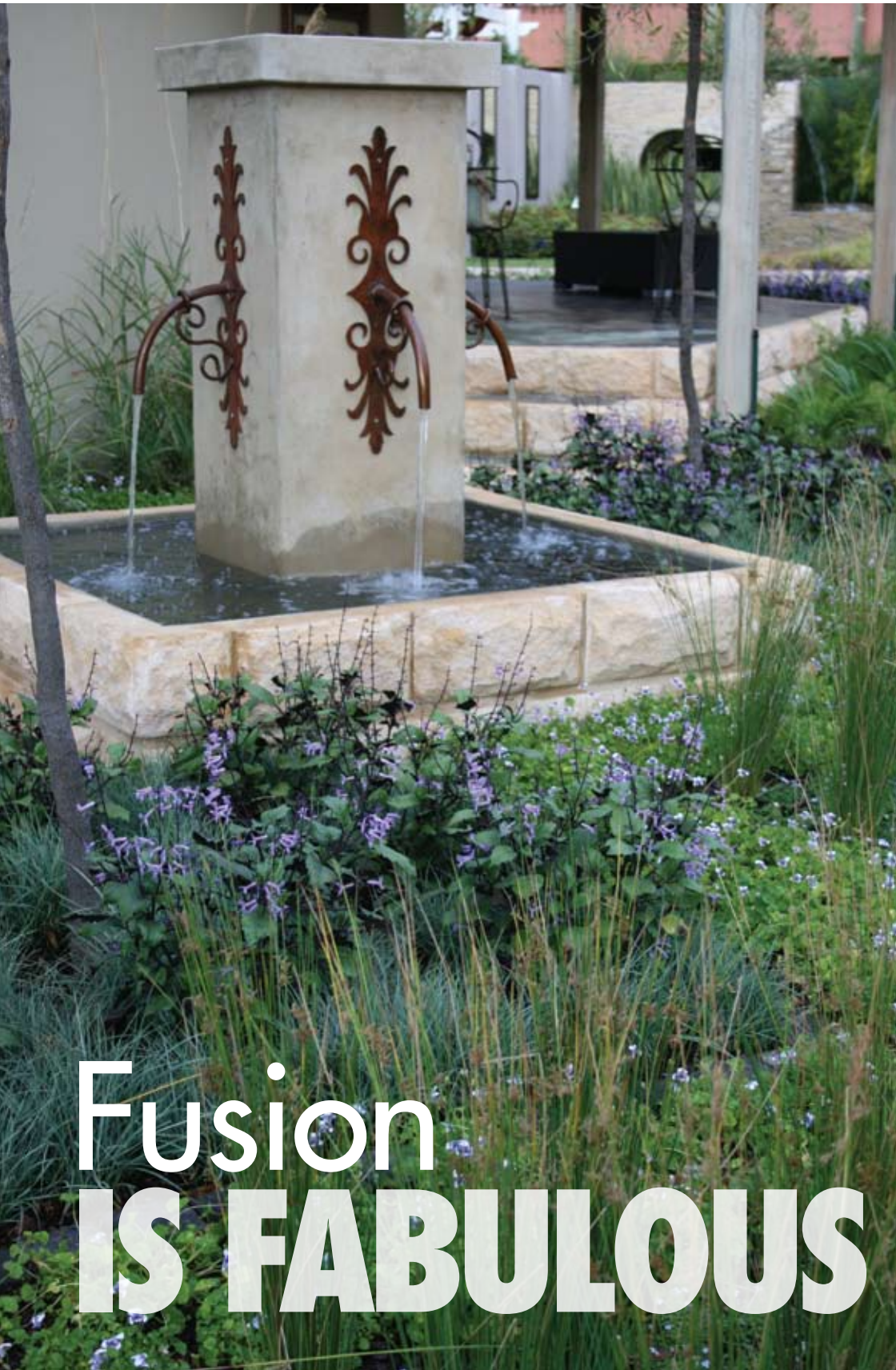


Each month landscaper René Wright features a small garden with a plan, to help you plan your outside area. This month we focus on fusion, and how bringing two styles together make a stylish whole



Fusion IS FABULOUS





Old style charm with a contemporary twist

A sleek geometric ground pattern, a limited colour palette and attention to subtle texture variations, lend this garden an elegance reminiscent of a bygone era. Tranquil greens and greys infused with hues of blue, purple and lavender provide a restful base to the garden.

The vintage-style veranda with mock weathered sandstone, a corrugated iron roof, a classic fountain and an old-fashioned outdoor shower; create a sense of yesteryear – but the sleek ground pattern and simplistic style of planting, place it firmly in the present.

Key aspects in fusing contrasting styles successfully:

- The visual weight of different styles must balance out in the final result. In this garden the larger overall area is in a contemporary style; however, the 'weight' of the hard landscaping in a vintage-style, counterbalances it very effectively.
- By keeping the colour palette undemanding, we allow the essence of each style its own space to be appreciated. If more visually demanding colours were chosen, or if too many were mixed together, the overall result would just have been too busy. By keeping to green, blues, greys and lavender, we ensure an atmosphere of restfulness, yet the garden is packed with interest.
- Allow evidence of both styles to be present in all areas of the garden. Do not allow one area of the garden to become predominantly 'this' or 'that' – the feeling of unity will be lost as it will feel like two separate styles, rather than a successful fusion of different style elements into one space.

Vintage elements

- A old-style veranda-design with a corrugated iron roof
- A rustic ceiling
- Mock weathered sandstone walls
- Wrought iron elements, as part of a classic fountain
- An old-fashioned outdoor shower
- Mini-chandeliers
- Bistro tables and chairs
- A Nguni-skin as floor covering

Top tip

Do not be scared of fusing contrasting styles! Carefully pull certain elements through the whole garden to tie it together: Use different shades of the same colour (flowers and foliage) everywhere, and do the same with your choice of hard landscaping materials (cobblestones and stepping stones). In this way you cannot lose the plot, so to speak!

Contemporary elements

- A sleek, geometric ground pattern
- Mass planting of a smaller plant selection
- A limited colour palette
- Cobble edges
- Smooth charcoal stepping stones
- Modern patio furniture
- Fashionable fabrics and trimmings



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Plant list

1. Miscanthus sinensis 'Silver' and Meulenbeckia axillaris
2. Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender' and Carex 'China blue'
3. Juncus effuses var. 'Krausii' and Viola hederacea
4. Agapanthus 'Large Blue' and Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri'
5. Olea europaea subsp. Africana
6. Viola hederacea
7. Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender' and Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri'
8. Dichromena latifolia
9. Cyperus papyrus

Plant scale 1:100

