

Designer / Company name:

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BEDS AND BORDERS DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire will help you think about what you want from your garden and help you to decide which professionals and processes will be best to help you achieve that.

1) How do you see yourself using your garden?

- Entertaining
- As a child-friendly space
- Pets
- Growing vegetables or cutting flowers
- Relaxing
- Wildlife
- Mental health benefits
- Physical health benefits

2) What garden style most appeals to you?

Cottage – colorful, informal, large borders densely packed with a variety of colors and textures, and featuring structures such as metal arches for plants to grow up. Perennials, herbs, and even vegetables are often planted together.

Country – still informal, but with a definitive colour scheme and more of a leaning towards shrubs and greenery. Planting patterns are often repeated to create a sense of flow

Formal – symmetrical beds, restrained colour themes, clipped hedges and topiary, focal points such as statuary and sun dials, and an emphasis on green spaces

Mediterranean – drought tolerant planting: grasses, lavender, rosemary, olive trees, aloes etc. Gravel gardens / areas can also be incorporated here, together with the use of features such as large terracotta urns

Contemporary – geometric bed design, and a minimal, uncluttered feel to the overall planting plan. Architectural plants such as tall grasses and kniphofia (red hot poker)

3) What is your favourite colour palette?

- **Jewel toned** – richly saturated shades: ruby red, amethyst, deep blue, fuchsia
- **Romantic** – pastels: pinks, lavenders, soft blues, pale yellows
- **Hot** – yellows, oranges and reds
- **Cool** – blues, whites, purples, greens
- **Juxtaposing** – complementary but opposing colours. Yellow and purple, for example
- **Monochromatic** – variations of one hue
- **More is more** - A mix of everything

4) How much time do you have to look after, water and maintain your garden during spring, summer and autumn?

- An hour or so a day
- A few hours a week
- Sporadic
- I only really mow the lawn
- I/we have a gardener once a week/fortnight
- I have/will put in an irrigation system

NOTE: How much time you have to spend on your garden will have an impact on the sort of planting style that will be best for you to manage.

5) Do you know of any pests or environmental conditions that may impact plant choice?

- Rabbits or/and deer
- Windy or exposed garden
- Susceptible to flooding or poor drainage
- Very damp and/or shady

6) Does your garden need initial, extensive clearance?

- Unwanted, sick or dying trees or large shrubs and hedges.
- Excess or difficult to remove, unwanted vegetation, such as ivy, brambles, poor quality turf or couch grass, bamboo, bind weed or ground elder.
- Old fencing, sheds, patios or hard standing?
- Excess poor soil or hardcore (often a problem in new builds)

NOTE: If you have ticked any of the above, you may need to enlist the services of a waste / garden waste clearance company.

7) Do you desire hard landscaping design?

- Paving, paths, or patios
- Ground leveling, tiers and/or drainage
- Structures such as fencing, pergolas, sheds or summer houses
- Retaining walls, or block/brick built, raised beds, dining or seating areas
- Large ponds or water features
- Hard wired lighting

NOTE: If you have ticked any of the above, you may need to enlist the services of a landscaping company

8) What is your immediate desired outcome for planting impact?

- Instant gratification: large shrubs and mature perennials for immediate impact despite the extra expense?
- Delayed gratification: smaller plants at the outset and the more budget-friendly option. You're prepared to wait for your garden to reach maturity

9) What is your garden / planting design budget?

- I'd like my garden to be created bed by bed as my income allows.
- I'd like all my beds and borders designed, created and planted in one go.

How has considering the above helped you to imagine the implementation of your new or beautified garden?

Comment

If you would like a consultation, please send this form back and attach images or send a WhatsApp video of your garden and any pictures of gardens or ideas that have inspired you.

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