



# Family Time

design information

Min block width: 10m

Min back garden depth: 2m

## Design features at a glance:

- Alfresco extension for meals undercover
- Nestled garden seat with shady tree & pretty planting
- Small shed and area for creative projects, hidden away
- Firepit or sandpit area with room for seats
- Climber frames as outdoor pin up boards for bedroom views
- Front garden with planted fence for soft childsafe boundaries

Family time is a garden design that's beautiful and enticing for a couple, while planning ahead for a young family. Begin bonding your child with Nature through precious time with you, sharing a story together snuggled up beneath the beautiful tree planted to honour your love. Tucked away in a world of its own, a tinkering space where a parent and child can create, build or just camp out near the firepit. Clever design makes sure views from windows are inspiring and worthy of exploring outside. Make memories that will be treasured, letting this little person know without doubt they are loved.

## The Basic Plan:

A little lawn gives space for picnics and playtime, surrounded by planting beds to cover the fenceline, flower beds and a gorgeous tucked away sitting spot through a romantic arbour. Screened from view is an adaptable space with a little tinkering shed, paved space to set up a workbench, firepit and a vertical mesh screen to grow vegies, strawberries and hang decorative projects. Plan is drawn to 1 : 100 scale, showing paths, paved or deck areas, location of design features and sizes, garden beds, location of feature trees (but not species) & setting out measurements. Plan provided includes Title bar, (address, scale, file number, north symbol, date & designer logo) specified materials, colours and quantities and heights. Info sheets include materials list, setting out fact sheet & building the basics sheet.

**Materials:** Turf or artificial turf, stepping stones, paving or concrete, purchased arbour, steel mesh screen, purchased bench seat and an 'off the shelf' shed.

**Note:** With back gardens over 4m deep x min 12.5m wide, there'll be room to add a small vegie patch, so make sure to choose the 'Herb Garden add-on' with the Family Time Basic Plan.

## + Add an optional Planting Plan

### Planting Plan A: Australian Native

The best of Australia's native garden plants developed for small gardens, full of colour with easy care and compact size. Includes some indigenous plants. Great for native wildlife habitat. Well suited to Victorian soils and needing less water once the plants are past their first year.

### Planting Plan B: Local Indigenous

Indigenous plants local to your home Council area, recreating the habitat that occurred naturally and supporting wildlife feeding, nesting and breeding in your backyard. Plants available as tubestock at much lower price with greatest ability to adapt to the natural soil conditions in your area.

### Planting Plan C: Mixed and colourful

A mixture of tough but beautiful garden plants from Australia and around the world with both evergreen and autumnal tones, flowers and fruit. Chosen to give maximum year round colour with easy care and variety.

### Planting Option E: Herb Garden add-on

Available as an option in addition to other garden Dreams for backyards over 4m deep x min 12.5m wide. This planting plan (included in the cost of the basic Herb garden add-on plan) will provide a layout for up to 3 vegie or herb beds, suggested planting layout, berries and some perennials for pollination. Plants grouped in specific groups for most harmonious growing. Note: Productive gardens require watering daily as minimum.

### Planting Plan F: Neat, Green and serene

Predominantly evergreen plants with neat and tidy habits, some flowers and foliage colour. Scent is a big part of this planting design in subtle colours to soothe and entice. Boundaries are screened, sometimes with vertical climber frames for narrow areas clothed in well behaved evergreen climbers.

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## + Add an optional Levels and Drainage Plan

Is there a likely need for any retaining walls or steps? (You'll know if there's a 'cut and fill' planned, or slope of 500mm or more over 2m anywhere on the block - this is often marked on the site plan) You may not need this optional plan but if you know you will need steps and possibly retaining walls, make sure you add this option so it can be incorporated into the design.

We'll need you to upload your site plan with levels shown on it so we can assess what's needed.