



# A Peaceful Retreat

design information

Min block width: 10m

Min back garden depth: 2m

## Design features at a glance:

- Alfresco extension for meals undercover, hanging chair
- Nestled meditation spot under shady tree & lush planting
- Lawn and neat edges for easy maintenance
- Firepit area with room for seats
- Climber frames to green the fencelines and cool the house
- Front garden with Bali feel and timber features

From your alfresco the unwinding begins with space for a luxurious hanging pod chair to nestle in. Be in your own world with a glass of wine and beautiful garden views that transport you. Seasonal changing small trees shelter a tucked away meditation nook surrounded with garden bed - you could be in Bali but it's home, every day. The scent is divine. Across the lawn is a firepit and cozy space for two to celebrate each day, follow the moon and enjoy the peace of Nature. It's simple, green and the seasons will paint different colours against the green backdrop clothing the fencelines.

I have often asked clients where their favourite holiday memory is and if they can describe the landscape around them. It isn't difficult to go there - it so often involves nature of some kind and the look of soothed spirit comes on their faces. So this garden dream is the kind of tropical holiday you might have had before commitments and perhaps family came along. Bringing it into your backyard makes life a lot more enjoyable!

## The Basic Plan:

Disappearing fencelines behind garden beds that hug the edged lawn area, but in a not so predictable layout. There's some intrigue in this layout, giving a couple of secluded areas within the planting, under small trees. Paths are more formal than other designs, with large pavers as stepping stones keeping it neat and tidy looking. Side gardens are little retreats where space allows, otherwise we use climber frames to green up the fencelines all around. Front garden design is tidy, formal and elegant but easily maintained.

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, rectangular stepping stones, paving or concrete, purchased hanging pod chair, steel mesh screen, timber and paver lawn edge.

**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 Peaceful Retreat Basic Plan.

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#### + 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**

Not available for this design.

**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. Well suited to the Peaceful Retreat Dream.

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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.