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Bold colours and geometric patterns combine to create an exotic Moroccan feel.

ASK THE DESIGNER

OUR RECENT HOLIDAY TO MARRAKECH left us hankering to recreate the exotic garden of the riad we stayed at. Any tips for our terrace space? *Susan Gray, East Sussex*



**KATRINA
KIEFFER-WELLS**
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“Small gardens in the UK very much suit the exotic courtyard look. It’s all about swapping grass for pavers, which are excellent for outdoor entertaining, and adding Moroccan touches. In this small garden in East London, boundary walls were given a lick of paint for a sun-drenched, whitewashed look. The ground was

paved in slate, but it’s the geometric-patterned tiles in indigo and turquoise typical of North Africa that gives a nod to the riad style.

“An ornate fountain is a must too, soothing to sit by in summer and always a focal point in Moroccan gardens. To keep the chill off, a wrought iron chiminea sits in the back flower bed. Classic seating is usually wrought iron tables and chairs but for a more relaxed style, outdoor sofas are just as good. Fig trees are the typical tree to grow, however any large tree for shading will work, along with pots of roses and mint for scent. Finally, hunt out Moroccan-style accessories such as lanterns and jewel-coloured cushions and throws. Dunelm (dunelm.com) has a great range.”

Katrina is lead garden designer at earthdesigns.co.uk