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**FUNCTIONAL AND CLEVER,** this curved raised bed doubles up as a spacious and comfortable bench. Fragrant herbs such as sage, fennel, rosemary and oregano planted into the top make it a relaxing place to sit.

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## MAKE A STATEMENT

With its huge umbrella of dramatic fronds, a soft tree fern is the ultimate head-turning exotic plant. It comes from New Zealand, where the weather can be cold, so it's fairly hardy. It prefers shade, but if you give it plenty of water it will be happy in sun too. Just make sure it's planted out of the wind. A slow growing variety, after a few years it will make a stunning statement.

### SIZE

Up to height 4m (13ft), spread 2.5m (8ft)

### MAINTENANCE

Water every three days with half a can. In October cut off the fronds and pack a plastic bag full of straw or bubble wrap over the top 30cm of the trunk. Tie it in place securely. This will keep it warm and dry for the winter. Remove in March

### HOW MUCH

Tree fern **£34.99** [jacksonsnurseries.co.uk](http://jacksonsnurseries.co.uk)