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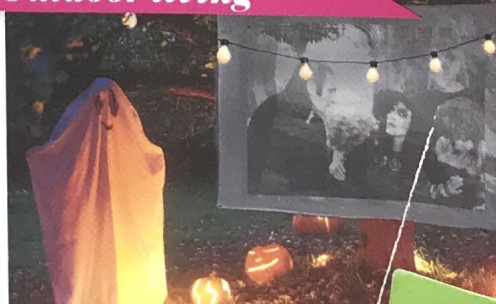
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PROJECT 2



SYMMETRICAL PLANTING in a formal style in the front garden suits this period-style house.

After a refurb of the interior of their house in Walthamstow, the owners wanted to complete their home renovations by landscaping the front garden. It was an uninspiring space consisting of little more than gravel and a tree.

Garden designer Katrina Kieffer-Wells (earthdesigns.co.uk) was asked to include fuss-free planting as well as a bin store to keep the front garden looking neat and tidy. The bins are now housed in sleek and unobtrusive wooden casing that can't be seen from the road. It's surprisingly roomy, housing two bins and some recycling crates. "Front garden design always needs to include somewhere to put the dreaded wheelie bins," says Katrina. "These huge pieces of kit plague every small garden. No matter how beautiful your paving or stunning your planting, a row of black wheelie bins will wreck the space."



BRIGHT IDEA...

A bin store keeps eyesores neatly out of sight

The garden was partly paved with sandstone flags and planting was added to the front and back of the stones to add colour and interest. "The design uses symmetry for a neat and ordered look that adds balance and harmony to the overall plan. The clients loved the idea of Mediterranean-style planting so we chose beds of white lavender, and a clipped bay tree was planted near the bay window to add fragrance when the windows are open in summer. A cool palette of white and green planting enhances the simplicity of this scheme. Tall alliums give vertical interest and structure in summer but the garden looks good all year round – evergreens are definitely the way forward!" ➤

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adds a smart touch to the front garden. It looks good and is also low maintenance.

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GARDEN DESIGNER KATRINA KIEFFER-WELLS

“It seems obvious but the largest surface area in most small gardens will be perimeters. They can be very difficult to hide. Most shrubs will be too bulky, and climbers look too leggy. If your fences are in a state of disrepair, consider painting them in a dark shade, or cladding them with timber, Perspex or metal. Dark colours will recede, and the planting in front of them will pop.”

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