

# GLEAMIN', GREEN

Go to the edge with your garden design by playing with sharp angles and seeing how they create interest and drama!

**Y**ou can exploit the straight lines of your boundary and home walls with a clean, sleek, sharp garden that has enough flushed-out and rounded qualities to make it a delight to be in. That's the skill of garden design. If you've succeeded in getting the ideal look, enter the 2023 Garden of the Year competition, where *Better Homes and Gardens* and Tuscan Path have joined forces to celebrate the best in gardens, created by you (for details, see page 51).

VARY THE ANGLES  
IN YOUR GARDEN  
WITH A PERGOLA  
ROOF THAT  
SLOPES DOWN  
FROM THE WALL.





**1 FALLING INTO LINE!**

A tall hedge gives you privacy in a softer, warmer way than a timber or brick one. Keeping it in shape matches the strong lines of the garden, but by being slightly overgrown, it sits more comfortably with the waving ornamental grasses and flowering perennials in the garden bed.



STRAIGHT  
LINES  
ARE MADE TO  
BE BROKEN  
WITH GRAND  
FLOURISHES  
OR LITTLE  
INCURSIONS!

**2 WALKING ON SUNSHINE**

Rudbeckias add bonus sunshine to a late summer garden and, like most wildflowers, are drought hardy and disease resistant.

**3 PARTICULARLY POISED**

Tiny cylindrical persicaria flowers rise on tall columns in late summer, giving your maturing garden both stature and frilly frivolity, suggesting it's ageing gracefully.

**4 SIMPLY STUNNING**

Asters are the pollinator stars of your late summer garden, especially as your summer bloomers begin to fade. The daisy flowers are tiny, but the shrubs can grow to more than a metre. Choose from pink, purple, blue, or white!

**5 ENTICING INVITATION**

Low, white rendered walls supported by even lower hedges create an entrance inviting you to visit other parts of the garden.

**6 SMOTHERING SCENTS**

Every spring garden needs a fresh, intoxicating perfume to herald new beginnings. Try star jasmine as a climber or a groundcover!

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GIVE YOUR GARDEN  
DEPTH BY VARYING  
FOLIAGE SHAPES,  
TEXTURES AND  
COLOURS TO CREATE  
DELICATE SHADOWS.



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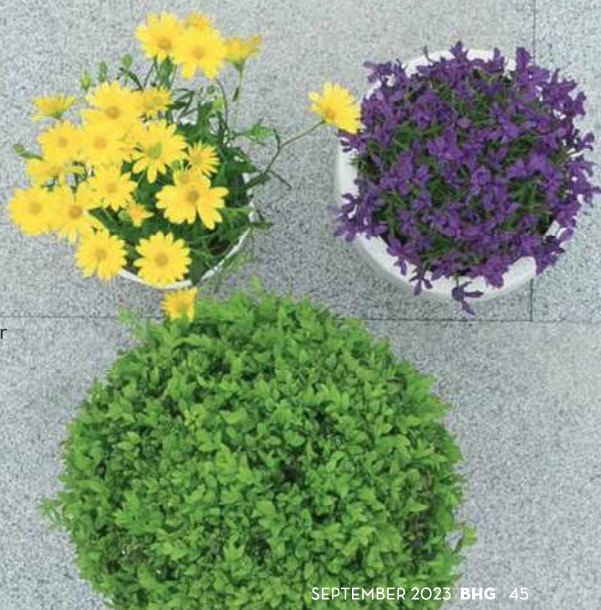


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## YOUR PATH TO PERFECTION

Pavers do more than just create a tidy path or define a courtyard – think of ways you can incorporate pavers, like Tuscan Path’s strong, durable, easy-to-maintain Granite Pavers, into your lawn to create a mosaic, or turn them into an irregular and quirky frame for a garden bed.

Tuscan Path Granite Pavers 600 x 400 x 20mm in Light Grey or Mid Grey, \$21.36 each or \$89 per square metre, from Bunnings, [tuscanpath.com.au](https://www.tuscanpath.com.au).



## GARDEN COMP



### 7 ALL FOR SHOW

When planting against a tall hedge or a wall, layer your plants so each gets its fair share of attention. Begin with tall ornamental grasses at the back to give movement to your garden when a soft breeze is blowing, then flowering spires such as persicaria with its lovely fat leaves, and add a dainty trim with little asters.

### 8 BUDDY UP!

Have fun with contrasts, such as soft lawn snuggling up to a brick path. Then break up the path with long pavers and repeat the pattern in the lawn. Here, the little nudge the paver gives the lawn says there's something special about this relationship!

### 9 MAKE A SOFT LANDING

Hard surfaces help define garden areas that have specific purposes, such as for dining, entertaining, play or just relaxing. It's made more enticing and inclusive if you add greenery to soften the edges! ■



## GARDEN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2023

\$30,000 IN CASH AND PRIZES TO BE WON! YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME, ENTRIES CLOSE 25 OCTOBER 2023. SO GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS.

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**PUT EDGING ALONG  
THE OUTSIDE OF  
YOUR LAWN TO KEEP  
IT NEAT AND STOP IT  
FROM SNEAKING  
INTO GARDEN BEDS.**