

WALPOLE STREET GARDEN

The Smith's garden at Walpole Street, Kew is unassuming yet inviting. Visitors' first impressions of the Eckersley Garden Architecture designed space will be of the historic Monterey Pine and Liquidambar trees that line the front driveway. These impressive specimens frame the entrance and draw the eye towards the family's stunning two-storey Victorian home.

The unusual-shaped block and the striking renovation/extension to the home (designed by Neil Architecture) have provided a wonderful opportunity to create several garden rooms, all with their own unique flavour.

Entrance

The front driveway is decidedly English countryside in feel, with the large feature trees, hedges and mixed plantings of shrubs and perennial flowers.

North side

The north side garden draws inspiration from a European woodland with a Mediterranean twist. Copses of Silver Birch provide structure for a layered underplanting of shrubs (including dozens of *Santolina chamaecyparissus* (Lavender Cotton) and *Santolina rosmarinifolia* (Olive Herb)). A gravel path meanders through, linking the driveway with the teenagers' activity zone (basketball court).

South side

The south side garden takes advantage of a stunning existing Japanese Maple and its cool, shady orientation to create the ambiance of an Asian mountain scape. Plant selection here includes many large, glossy leaved varieties including *Arthropodium cirratum* (New Zealand Rock Lily) and *Iris japonica* (Japanese Iris).

West side

The garden to the west takes its cues from the home's modern extension. The vibes of the entertainers' terrace and poolscape are contemporary and relaxed. The bright pink flowering *Sedum* 'Autumn Joy' is a standout in the garden beds planted out with a mixed variety of mounding shrubs. These colours are set off wonderfully by the autumn show put on by the *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* (Virginian Creeper) which creeps over the BBQ trellis, and the tree canopies provided by the *Acer rubrum* 'Autumn Flame' and *Cercis canadensis* (Eastern Redbud).

Overall, the garden at Walpole Street is as relaxed as it is formal and provides the family who live here a variety of outlooks from inside the home, as well as many ways of living in and experiencing the garden itself.



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Thank you for visiting.



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