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 $[14' \times 32']$

When painter Alexis Walter decided to move her studio from a neighboring street into her own backyard, the question became how to make the most of the small area that remained. The idea of a formal, French-style kitchen garden that would be both productive and attractive appealed to her. Armed with an inspiring photo from Walter, Aaron Adolph and Jack Milazzo of NOLA + Design helped her achieve her goal.

THE BIG IDEA: The driving force behind moving her studio closer to her home was also the driving force behind the garden-Walter wanted a better work-life balance. This design allows her to move seamlessly from kitchen to garden to studio and back according to the demands of the day.

THE DETAILS: The single raised bed makes the most of the diminutive garden. Walter grows more than 20 kinds of produce, including three types of figs, five kinds of tomatoes, and many selections of fragrant herbs, such as mint and basil. Antiques from Walter's family dot the small garden, including metal benches and a weathered statue. A wall of New Orleans hard tan brick stylishly screens the barbecue. The tanand-gray gravel creates a neutral canvas for the eclectic mix of edibles. Terra-cotta finials add vertical flourishes.



