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12 Gardens: Creative designs for the Australian climate

by **Jenny & Neil Delmage**

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Two of Australia's best garden designers, Jenny and Neil Delmage have released their third book with twelve new gardens from their highly successful business of creating waterwise, biodiverse – and gorgeous – gardens that fit the natural environment.

This stunning book features new, hands-on information about each garden, including plant lists, soil types, garden orientations, design plans, and client briefs.

Each garden is also shown in a simple yet stunning layout, with over 240 gorgeous photographs on display throughout the book.

For the first time, the range of gardens in this book includes not only urban, suburban, coastal and country, but commercial and historic properties too.

The Delmages answer the question: in Australia's dry climate, how do you create and maintain a beautiful yet waterwise garden?

Their unique approach emphasises soil preparation, waterwise and sustainable gardens, plant mix, range of garden types and budgets, and their authentic and innovative gardening style is reflected in this book.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Neil Delmage has always had a keen interest in the environment and gardens. After extensive overseas travels he settled down to designing and constructing gardens that have a distinctive sense of place. Taking inspiration from the dry Mediterranean gardens of France and Italy, Neil creates gardens with his own distinctive design features and a unique Australian style. **Jenny Delmage** brings a sense of scale and architecture with her past experience in architectural drafting and graphic design. With this ability she is able to artistically draw intricate plans and perspectives that capture the mood of their work.

Together **Neil and Jenny** combine to bring a unique sense of place to their projects, producing water sensitive gardens that are timeless and are mindful of the environment. They have been running their highly successful garden design and construction business, Naturescape Creative, for more than 20 years. With 15 awards for design excellence, the couple has always been focused on producing waterwise designs that blend seamlessly with the local environment and are timeless in their appeal. Their gardens have featured in magazines such as *House and Garden*, *Home Beautiful*, and *Country Style*. The Delmages have appeared on *Gardening Australia*, *Burke's Backyard* and *The Garden Gurus*. Their previous books are *A Natural State* (2007) and *From Coast to Country* (2010).

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The, notes and photos along with original sketches and plans that were given prior to the start of a landscaping project.

Client Brief
A client brief was provided to the landscape architect detailing the client's requirements for the garden design.

Design Process
The design process involved several stages, including site analysis, concept development, and final design.

Final Design
The final design was a comprehensive landscape plan that included details for the garden beds, paths, and water features.

Implementation
The implementation phase involved the construction of the garden beds, paths, and water features according to the final design.

Final Review
A final review was conducted to ensure that the garden met the client's requirements and was ready for use.

Design Brief

To create an interesting garden that can be viewed from all windows of the house. To incorporate a swimming pool, lawn and BBQ areas, tranquil courtyard and to screen the neighbours. A front yard that has street appeal as well as usable space.

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