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make it work FAMILY ZONES THAT ARE FUNCTIONAL AND STYLISH

planting ideas

- ✦ A multitude of green tones contrasted with dotted whites is a classic colour scheme.
- ✦ For a hit of white-potted colour, try geraniums, tulips, petunias, irises or hyacinths.
- ✦ Plants in pots dry out quicker than those in beds, so regular watering is a must.



## sweet smell of success

This low-maintenance courtyard garden pulls triple duty as a calming oasis, a fragrant entertaining area and a provider of fresh produce **WORDS ALLY JACKSON STYLING JULIA GREEN PHOTOGRAPHY ARMELLE HABIB**



The homeowner made the black and white seat cushions from Marimekko fabric. The scallop-edged marble bowls and the other cushions are from Fenton & Fenton.

**1 VERTICAL GARDEN** This beautiful rear yard makes use of height and foliage texture, creating depth and interest. After a recent renovation, the homeowner updated the garden, retaining the bones of what had been in the backyard before. The climbing fig had always thrived in the hottest part of the garden. Agaves were added to provide a tough but sculptural element and add to the myriad shades of green that characterise the space.

**2 ORIENTAL PAST** A pair of vintage Chinese doors from Fenton & Fenton ([fentonandfenton.com.au](http://fentonandfenton.com.au)) is the garden's focal point. The borrowed landscape of pin oaks in the neighbouring garden enlarges the sense of space in the courtyard.

A wooden shed door next to the house (pictured left) is also a Chinese antique.

**3 SCENTS & SENSIBILITY** The luscious sweet scent of star jasmine, trained against the back wall, wafis indoors and lures

visitors out. From spring to autumn, its white flowers adorn the lush green climber. At its base, and dotted around the garden, is an abundance of herbs, including rosemary, basil, mint, thyme and parsley.

**4 BRICK BY BRICK** The stretcher-bond brick paving is a remnant of the previous garden, but it reflects the house facade, visually connecting the two spaces. Earthy tones complement the deep greens of the well-fed garden and the weathered grey tones of the Chinese timber doors.

**5 LAYER UPON LAYER** The large Anduze-style pots from Graham Geddes Antiques & Antiquities ([grahamgeddesantiques.com.au](http://grahamgeddesantiques.com.au)) contain dense lemon and lime trees, which provide year-round glossy foliage and zesty fruit. At their base are heavenly scented, spreading dwarf gardenia. Along with potted geranium, the white floral accents create a timeless and elegant colour scheme. ✦