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# GARDEN DESIGN DIRT

The 2023 garden trends to watch out for, unearthed by **Katrina Kieffer-Wells** of Earth Designs

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**W**ith many of us spending more time at home than we used to, our interest in interior design has peaked and is now spilling over into our outdoors spaces. People are discovering the potential of their gardens as an extension of their home and the value of having an outdoor space that works for them. Realising that redesigning your garden can transform the time you spend as a family, or provide a sanctuary from everyday life. As a result, outdoor living has become a flourishing industry with trends of its very own. Here are the ones to look out for in 2023.

## Flourishing themes for 2023

Sustainability meets the very best of modern design this year. Thoughtful planting, technology, sustainable materials and wildlife friendly features are all major themes. The focus is on eco-friendly gardening and materials, but with added style and creativity. The cost of living and last year's soaring temperatures have also had an impact. With designers utilising drought friendly planting and recycled materials.

## Sophisticated sustainability

Xeriscaping, or designing gardens to need less water is huge in garden design right now. The traditional thirsty lawn is being replaced with tapestries of ground-creeping plants and stepping stone pathways. Or prairie planting with islands of drought resistant grasses and salvia populating seas of climate-friendly gravel.



## Rewilding in style

Garden designers have embraced rewilding with gusto this year. Using wild meadow borders as backdrops to sleek seating areas or to soften the hard edges of architectural details. Nature is being tempted back by stylish water features and bird feeders. And as peat becomes a thing of the past in 2024, mulch is muscling in, creating more insect friendly environments.



## Sun worshipping

As well as preparing for less water, there's a distinct trend towards paying homage to warmer climates. Inspired by Mediterranean islands, popular design details include decorative tiles and screens. Elements of terracotta, olive and pistachio alongside rustic vibes in wicker and stone. And floral displays that celebrate sunset oranges, reds and yellows, against backdrops of deep purple or blue.

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