



The Viewer's Garden

designed by Pip Probert



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The Viewer's Garden serves as a reflection of the standard garden plot, capturing the essence of a practical, economical space designed to meet gardening needs efficiently. Collaboratively designed with viewers of the popular BBC2 program, Gardeners' World, this garden integrates innovative ideas. From constructing the greenhouse and potting shed to installing fluff cages and hedgehog ramps, even incorporating a sculpture, a diverse range of ideas has been meticulously assembled. The result is a garden that resonates with those passionate about transforming the ordinary into something extraordinary. Reusing, recycling, repurposing, and upcycling are not just words here; they define the very ethos of this garden.

Unique features crafted from repurposed materials abound. The humble pallet serves as our canvas, shaping elements like the slatted wall for the potting shed and raised planters. Generous neighbors have contributed leftover materials, creatively woven into our project, infusing character and stories into every corner. Even the greenhouse exudes whimsy, with transparent tarpaulin standing in for elusive old shower screens, and a discarded cattle feeder transformed into an arbor seat. This garden celebrates sustainability and creativity, showcasing how everyday objects can find new life.

Plant List

Ajuga Burgundy Glow
Ajuga Chocolate Chip
Agapanthus Fireworks
Corydalis Blue Heron
Delphinium Elatum
Light Blue White Bee
Dianthus Pillow
Magenta
Dianthus Vivid Bright
Light

Dicentra Pink
Diamonds
Digitalis Artic Fox Rose
Erigeron Stallone
Erodium Bishops Farm
Heuchera Marmalade
Hackonechloa macra
Hydrangea petiolaris
Lampranthys Purple

Nepeta Whispurr Blue
Penstemon Dakota
Burgundy
Salvia Marvel Rose
Trachelospermum
Jasminoides
Verbena Buenos Aires

The Contributors

@wildgardendiaries is a dedicated hedgehog enthusiast who transforms gardens into safe havens for these creatures. Through her blog, she shares tips on nurturing hedgehogs and creates two ramps for safe passage. Phamie is a knowledgeable expert on hedgehog care, dedicated to ensuring their prosperity for generations to come. Her dedication goes beyond just a hobby, fostering a love for wildlife.



@twiggartisaninteriors created a series of "fluff cages" using willow branches as a material. The cages contain materials like dog hair and wool, which birds can use to build or repair their nests. This thoughtful gesture benefits birds and adds whimsy to the outdoor space. Donna, a sculptor by trade, generously loaned one of her sculptures to grace the garden.

@ohhomelygirl transformed a half-demolished shed into a charming DIY Potting Shelter for £15, using free materials like pallet wood and repurposed wooden doors. Kelly and her husband provided props like compost containers, tools, and old gardening books to create an authentic garden ambiance. Their website offers tips for creating indoor and outdoor spaces, baking recipes, and herbal remedies, making it a worthwhile exploration.





Carol and Martin created a remarkable greenhouse using a shower screen, noticeboard, and discarded conservatory roofing. Their innovative approach inspired their own garden greenhouse. They shared their construction process and offer valuable advice, with Martin excelling in repurposing items into practical and unique features.

About Pip Probert



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Gardening has been a cherished family pastime since Pip's childhood, with most of her time spent enjoying the great outdoors. Her artistic journey began with drawing intricate floral sketches and painting scenes from the gardens they visited.

The dream was always to turn my passion for art into a career. Today, with over two decades of experience, her enthusiasm for garden design is as vibrant as ever.

Pip's portfolio includes a variety of bespoke projects, from private residential gardens to public spaces like university campuses, hospitals, corporate headquarters, and botanical gardens.

She's had the privilege of designing more than 40 show gardens, participating in prestigious events such as RHS shows, BBC Gardeners' World, Gardening Scotland, and international events like the Besiktas Flower Show and Horticultural Expo Beijing.

Pip's work has been featured on television and in the media, most notably as part of the Garden Design Team on BBC's "Your Garden Made Perfect," where she showcased her ability to create unique gardens tailored to each client's needs.