





Take-away plan from the Marshalls Sustainability Garden

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This border is full of edible plants and herbs that are drought-tolerant. The ideal position is against a sunny wall in free-draining soil. The key colours in this plan are white, purple, dark green and silver. The herbaceous perennials should be planted together in clumps of three to five to create impact. The structural box balls can be planted together in clusters of threes or at intervals through the border. The carex adds a contrasting, softer shape and the alliums and irises rise above the other plants.

Plants used

- *Vitis vinifera* x 1:

The specimen plant for the back of the border and should be trained against wall.

- *Salvia officinalis* x 5 and *Salvia officinalis* 'Purpurascens' x 5:
Choose either ordinary sage or the purple variety.

- *Carex buchananii* 'Red Rooster' (grass sedge) x 8:
A bronze grass to add softness to the scheme.

- *Lavandula* 'Hidcote' or *santolina* x 5:

Both grow into natural mound shapes.

- *Pittosporum tobira* 'Nanum', *Buxus sempervirens* or *Laurus nobilis* x 7:
Any tightly clipped structural plant will work for this part of the design.

- *Iris* 'Frost and Flame' x 12:

A white iris with orange beard. Plant these in drifts and, together with the alliums, these will float over rest of planting.

- *Allium* 'Purple Sensation' x 24:
Globes of bright purple flowers.