

Hottest new design

How has the recession and environmental awareness affected gardens? Eight of our most influential designers and designers share their thoughts on what they think good garden design will be in 2011.



We're threading flower borders with edibles – it's a contemporary take on forest gardening. Orchards are more common in our rural schemes, and edible green walls are perfect for tiny urban gardens

ANN-MARIE POWELL,
GARDEN DESIGNER

The increased emphasis on sustainability will continue and it will be exciting if it can be used to drive design innovation – Nigel Dunnett and James Hitchmough's seeding extravaganza at the London Olympics, for example. There's an increasing divergence between conceptual and rather urban ideas and more rooted, environmentally based approaches. If the two can be brought together, this will make for something interesting

TOM STUART-SMITH,
GARDEN DESIGNER

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It's back to the future – community gardens, families growing produce together. Not a new trend but something that continues to flourish. As a result we'll see more people training in horticulture as they re-evaluate their lives and discover how satisfying it is to be a productive gardener

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unusual trees, such as the cherry, *Prunus 'Taihaku'*, g cherry-leaved thorn, 'unifolia'. Both will give semi-mature specimen n being transplanted

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