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The anatomy of a garden by

MARIAN BOSWALL

'We always begin our projects by getting to know the land and, of course, the clients,' explains garden designer Marian Boswall. 'As well as doing a lot of background research into the history, geology, soils and microclimates, and the local flora and fauna, I spend time trying to understand the place and considering how to make it a happy one. The owners of this garden were working with Anthony Swaine Architecture to extend their Grade II-listed house, built in the 15th and 18th centuries, and the gardens had an incredible bone structure. This included many beautiful old trees, a meadow, an orchard, a moat, a swimming pool and a tennis court. We raised the levels, reworked the existing parterre and terraces, and rebuilt the original moat, while taking care to retain the existing characteristics of the garden. The old magnolia in the walled garden was a feature that we were particularly keen to preserve, so we worked round it. My team planted Rosa 'Darcey Bussell' and R. 'Gertrude Jekyll', lots of verbenas and phlox, Buddleja alternifolia and Stipa tenuissima in the long border in the walled garden. The reclaimed York-stone steps visible here lead through the newly laid out parter to a terrace overlooking the moat. Here, we planted box and alliums, and we planted climbing roses on the walls, such as Rosa 'Madame Alfred Carrière', which works well in shaded areas. The entire project took about a year to complete.' marianboswall.com | thelist.houseandgarden.com

SMART OUTDOOR SEATING



COCO WOLF

The 'Porto 3-4 Seater' sofa from design-led, ethical brand Coco Wolf has an iroko wood base available in 10 finishes, including ebonised as seen here. It costs £6,480 as seen. cocowolf.co.uk



GAZE BURVILL

Craftsman-made in Hampshire with a focus on sustainability, the handsome oak 'Splash Long' sofa has a cushion in Sunbrella 'Canvas' and costs £13,500. It can also be covered in your choice of fabric. gazeburvill.com



INDIAN OCEAN

This 'Pimlico Club Lounge 3 Seat' sofa is a modern design with all-weather rope accents, in blue and taupe as well as black, shown here. It has solid teak tapered legs and a deep seat cushion, and costs £2.925. indian-ocean.co.uk



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