

**Project Title: Design for a Contemporary Japanese Garden**

**Customer:** Mr & Mrs Client

**Objectives:**

To design a Japanese garden for the rear garden at xxxxxx – see plan:



1:200 scale block site plan (<https://www.buyaplan.co.uk/>)

The design should be based on authentic Japanese design principles with links to identified cultural influences. The design will be viewed from the house both at ground level and from above and also be by walking through or from a seat outside.

Appropriate plants suitable to the location may be used in place of those traditionally used in a Japanese garden. The planting should represent a miniature landscape, provide colour throughout the year, and attract wildlife. There is no requirement for a lawn area with preference for the use of alternative ground cover.

## EPQ Appendix II: Design Brief

The design options may include an outdoor room and a pond and consideration should be given to design of the boundaries to avoid the site feeling boxed in. The garden should be “medium” maintenance as the customers enjoy gardening.

### **Budget & schedule:**

Design process timings – approval of final design April 2021..

Budget £XXXXXX.

### **Scope:**

For the EPQ the scope will cover finalising the design but will not cover elements of costing of materials and labour and construction methods.

### **Available/required materials:**

In the tradition of Japanese garden design, materials and plants will be reused in the design if possible.

### **Overall style/look:**

Ideally the design will be a modern interpretation of historical and cultural elements.

### **Definite do-nots:**

- No large water features requiring high levels of maintenance.
- A design requiring high levels of daily maintenance.

**Customer questionnaire –**

Questionnaire:	
Who is the garden for?	Me and my husband.
Expected uses?	Enjoy view from house and outside in the garden. Look at changes through the seasons. Enjoy pottering but not hours and hours of work.
What do you like about your current garden?	Natural hedge on the rear boundary – good for the birds. Diagonal lines make the garden look longer. Pergola with clematis gives some shade in summer.
What don't you like about your current garden?	The grass – uneven. Topsoil poor other than areas where we have improved it. Boxed in with fences.
What is missing from your current garden?	I would like a garden room, somewhere to sit out in all seasons.
What do you like about Japanese gardens	Use of rocks, stones moss (especially the colour of moss). Idea of seeing different things from different perspectives. Miniature landscapes. Use of water. Informal paths.
What kinds of plants do you like?	Acers – red foliage in autumn. Moss. Ground cover other than grass.
Do you want a grassy area?	Not really.
What kind of Japanese garden do you prefer?	Like all styles. For a smaller space probably a dry garden or tea garden.
Do you prefer a traditional or modern gardens?	I don't have a preference really, but I like simple designs.
Much time do you want to spend maintaining the garden?	I enjoy pottering but don't want to feel stressed about spending hours keeping the garden looking good.