

OUR GARDEN CRUSH

Our alfresco daydreaming would reach new heights come rain or shine if this **VIEWTASTIC STUNNER** was ours

This amazing space takes outdoor living to the next level. We love the fact that whatever the weather this garden can be enjoyed all year round. For alfresco dining and entertaining on sunny days you can't get a much better spot than this expansive terrace with its beautiful vista leading down to another terrace with a huge built-in hardwood seating area for relaxing. When the sun

goes down or the weather changes you can retreat to the modern and very fabulous pavilion complete with living space, bespoke modular kitchen and inset fire stove.

of plants including salvia, sedum, achillea, nepeta and lamb's ears.

KEY TO THE DESIGN

With views to open countryside, this dreamy outdoor space is situated in Hankelow, Cheshire, and measures 440m². It belongs to a professional couple who called in garden designer Robert Hughes (roberthughesgardendesign.co.uk) to create a modern-meets-naturalistic theme. "One of the key parts of the brief was to ensure there was a clearly defined boundary so the adjacent driveway and parked cars couldn't be seen from the garden and terraces," explains Robert.

This was achieved with a dry stone wall running down the side that also houses a luxe water feature and is nestled among wide flowerbeds filled with a colourful mix

DREAM PAVILION

The clients wanted a space they could enjoy whatever the weather so Robert created a stunning oak and cedar pavilion. It was vital not to interrupt the view of the hills too. "It needed to be a sheltered space that let in plenty of light that was protected from rain and wind as that would make it unusable in bad weather," says Robert. "It also couldn't detract from the surrounding landscape, so it was quite a challenge!"

The bespoke pavilion meets all the criteria with its louvred slats that allow you to experience the views or shelter from the elements. It also features a rendered garden chimney and an outdoor TV. The building is wired to the main house to control the speakers, security cameras, lighting and TV, all via an app. What more could you want?!



Feet up, TV or fire on, stress off... this is pergola heaven!



Amelanchier

Sesleria autumnalis

PERENNIAL FAVES

blend beautifully with borders of airy multistem trees that don't block the view.

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