

Moodboard [1] of proposed plan [2] to a courtyard in Orange County CA – November 2014

The issues are of this courtyard: too many decor items with clashed design theme, form and colour scheme. Proposed design for improvement with consideration to a small budget to re-style, re-design for a modernised, fresh and harmonious new look



Proposed zen garden bed with 1 -3 types of plants for ground coverings such as mondo grass, succulents or /and petunias



DIY vertical garden could be done with:
 A – use lightweight hanging pot plant
 B – modular vertical gardening system with integrated drip irrigation.
 C - Rockwool is the best option, since it can provide a level of insulation. It can hold water, and provide good drainage, with allowance for air to circulate. This option will require to keeping the optimal pH for most plants, since the rockwool panel was treated in an acid bath. This option could require a high level of maintenance service.



Wall before the transformation



Green wall after with succulents





Proposed vertical garden as green walls with hardy plants such as existed succulents. Other appropriate plant options are sword fern, limelight bower wattle, pothos, dracaena, wax flower, peace lilies, croton, geranium, petunias, lomandra, mondo grass varieties, flax lilies varieties, and New Zealand flax
 Edible herbs and plants: thyme, tarragon, parsley, oregano, small chilli plant and strawberries



Green wall of listed plants for a myriad of splashing colour, texture and foliage – A visual feast to the eye with benefit to natural cooling, and filtered air for healthy lungs and respiratory system of a vertical space in any small courtyard for a sustainable living

Note:

- 1 - Water proof the subtracted wall prior to install the vertical system.
- 2 - Checking the plants and leaves condition twice a month at least.
- 3 - Add slow released fertiliser to drip irrigation once every 3 months. Make sure to check with nursery the requirement for a balanced fertiliser treatment
- 4 - Trim excessive growth of plants when required.

Maintenance required:

Water regularly in summer, three times weekly in spring, twice a Week in autumn, and once a week in winter



Cluster of magnificent staghorn ferns are in display