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Liven up

Add hardscaping elements to zhooosh up dull and lifeless areas in your garden – *by Daniela Sperotto*

When it comes to adding hardscaping elements to your garden, there are no set rules on how you should go about it. It will be the focal point and ultimately will depend on your personal preference.

From decks and walkways, to edging and ornamental features, there is a plethora of elements and products that you can look at in order to add that little something extra to your garden.

“Hardscaping aspects are used as permanent features to give your landscape shape, form and structure. These features are like the walls in the house – they break up areas, delineate facilities and create specific spaces to work with. Hardscaping products are great for high traffic areas like pathways, patios and driveways,” says Cheral Kennedy of Living Matter Landscape Styling and Design.

Whether redesigning your garden or just adding something special to a certain area, hardscaping can drastically change the look and feel of your outdoor area. Not only does it add to the aesthetics, but according to Simon Taylor from Apalis Garden and Irrigation, hardscaping can also be entirely functional as well. “Hardscaping can also be used to deal with difficult areas where shade is needed, erosion occurs and in high traffic areas as well.”

Think about the ways in which you presently use your front, back and side yards and ask yourself these two critical questions: “Are there any better ways to separate the public, private and utilitarian areas of my property?” and “Is this space dull and how could I make better use of it?” If you can come up with realistic answers to these questions, it may be time to invest in either something

Efeko Garden Tips for November:

- Protect your roses this summer with Efeko Rosecare 3, available in a concentrate and a ready to use trigger spray.
- This time of year weeds are all over your garden, lawn & paving.
- Use Efeko no weed lawn or Efeko hormoban for your lawn and Efeko no weed paving rtu or Efeko roundup for your paving.
- To get rid of insects the natural way, use Efeko eco insect control.

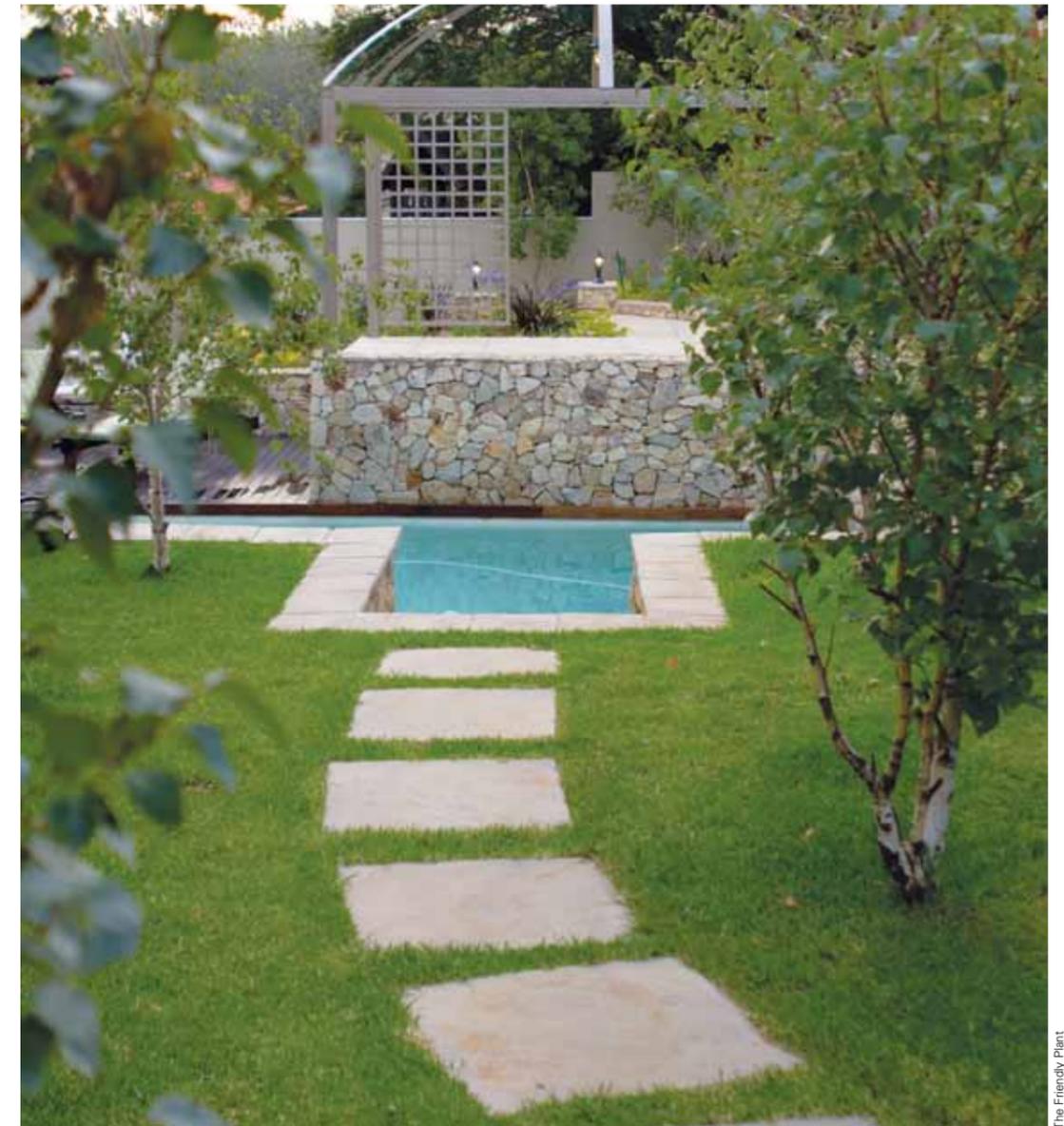


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structured, such as paving and decking or even something more ornamental such as a water feature or statue.

With the option to be either formal or informal, depending on the style of your home and surrounding landscape, there are a variety of choices for your garden. Textures and materials are critical to the success of what you choose and should be considered carefully.

Cheral advises that when home owners look at adding features and hardscaping to their garden, they should keep a natural flow from landscape to hardscaping.

"Your eyes are always drawn to the areas that look out of place. A great tip is to keep the number of different materials to a minimum. Having too many different materials in the same space confuses the design and creates a sense of busyness and can often be overwhelming as opposed to tranquil," she adds.

Yet, before you head out to enhance your blooming beauties, experts from the Gardenshop recommend that you embark on proper planning before buying anything, as well as tackling one area at a time so that you avoid overcrowding your entire garden.

Sit down and visualise what you want and make a sketch of your idea – this will enable you to immediately see if something is not right or out of proportion, and it will put into perspective what will work for you and your property.

Remember that any hardscaping you add to your property should not only be functional but attractive as well. Find a free-flowing balance between landscape and garden that will be both visually appealing and complement the exterior of your home. 🏡

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