

BEFORE



IDEAL HOME *loves*

Simple pergola frames

Use one to define a zone, add height to your garden, drape festoon lights or train climbing shrubs

'We've got a green, grown-up retreat'

When their kids hit their teens, Tim and Georgina Mackley swapped child-friendly grass for strong landscaping and lush planting to turn it into a peaceful escape

TRAILING PLANTS

Soften the hard edges of paving and raised beds

In the frame

A simple wooden framework marks out the dining space at the centre. 'I wanted the table to feel enclosed, but without climbers or cover that would block the light,' says Tim. 'Putting it in the middle means it's surrounded with greenery, so you feel immersed in nature.'



Welcome to *my garden*

Garden designer Tim Mackley (timmackley.co.uk) lives here with his wife Georgina and children Angus, 18, and Florence, 14.

THE PLOT

A rectangular garden behind a Victorian terrace in south London.

"Our garden might be a small, urban plot, but to us, it's an oasis"

Untreated oak sleepers weather over time for rustic raised beds

