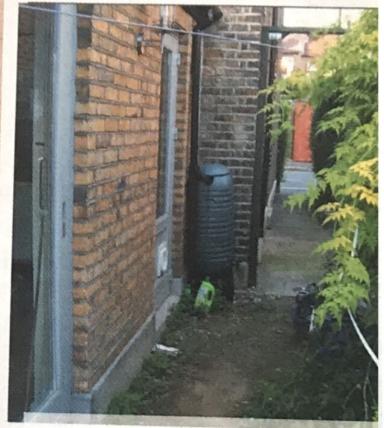




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I HAVE A SMALL, AWKWARD L-SHAPED PLOT, how can I maximise the space? Sue Flitcroft, Notts



The reglected, cramped space before the transformation



"This courtyard garden in London came with a similar brief. We encouraged flow between the side and the back of the garden by wrapping the design around the house and making sure both spaces had a dialogue with each other. By using the longest directional line through the space as our guide we

played to the garden's strength.

"We laid a granite patio in a diagonal 'wave' pattern that appears to travel through the extension to create the illusion of spaciousness. Lines of beige granite setts break up the decorative concrete paving, providing continuity and a sense of movement.

"We also replaced two of the boundaries with a yellow brick wall to make a uniform and attractive backdrop to the garden, and maximised the planting with a vigorous evergreen climber, freeing up floor space by moving the greenery onto the walls."

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