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## CLEAR-CUT MINIMALISM

The key to this project was introducing a large bay window in the side return to seamlessly merge indoors and out. The garden is enclosed by a custom-built western red cedar fence designed by Adolfo Harrison, with low benches made in the same wood. Corten steel has been used for the sculptural planters and raised beds. Larger shrub planting includes *Hydrangea aspera* subsp. *sargentiana* and *Mahonia eurybracteata* 'Soft Caress', with *Vinca minor* providing ground-cover interest.

# perfectly formed

Garden designer Ula Maria shares projects from her book *Green*, proving compact urban courtyards can become creative spaces for outdoor living

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## A HIDDEN RETREAT

This courtyard by Adolfo Harrison is full of contrasting textures, resulting in a rich and visually stimulating space. It is linked to an upper terrace by a bespoke staircase, with the dusky apricot-coloured wall injecting warmth and providing a distinctive backdrop for the plants. The floor is a play of hard and soft surfaces, resembling a distorted chequerboard, with *Soleirolia soleirolii* creeping through the flagstones.



Extracted from *Green: Simple Ideas for Small Outdoor Spaces* by Ula Maria (€20, Mitchell Beazley)