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## GARDEN VARIETY

Forget the quarter-acre block. At the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show this month, finalists in Fleming's Student Design Competition displayed what you can do with a 5x5-metre plot and a lot of imagination

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### ▲ Alicia Ferrer, 34

**What are you studying?** Landscape design at Murdoch Campus TAFE, Perth. **Describe your design in five words:** Calm, simplicity, texture, perspective, structure. **Why should it win?** It's bold and different, and three-dimensional. **Where does your passion for plants come from?** It's in my blood. My father was an agricultural engineer and he always experimented and talked about plants. He taught me to graft my first tree when I was seven. **What garden trend will we cringe about in 10 years' time?** Rows of cordylines - they're everywhere. **How do you cope with dirty fingernails?** I love getting my hands dirty.



### < Tara Cull, 23

**What are you studying?** Landscape design at Wodonga TAFE. **Why should your design win?** It encourages sustainability and creative ways of using materials. I've tried to incorporate as many recycled materials as possible: old railway timbers, red bricks, glass, galvanised iron and even an old trampoline frame for the pergola. **What plants have you used?** Mostly natives that are drought-tolerant, to reduce the need for watering. **Have your thumbs always been green?** I started gardening with my grandma when I was about six. I loved bonsai, but I kept killing them. **What plant would you never include in one of your designs?** Bird of paradise. To me, it looks weedy. **Any tips for the clueless home gardener?** Experiment; try different things because you never know what might look good.



### ▲ Heather Mitcheltree, 32,

**What are you studying?** Planning and design architecture at The University of Melbourne. **What's your design about?** It's based on Maurice Sendak's book *Where the Wild Things Are*. I was inspired to create a space where kids could let their imaginations run wild. **Why do you want to be a landscape architect?** My father is one, so I've grown up around it. I love working with textures, colours and shapes to create multi-dimensional artwork. **Are green thumbs born or made?** Both. The techniques for successful gardening can be learnt, but you need to have the passion to be out there in the first place.



### Clinton Pringle, 23

**What are you studying?** Landscape design at Swinburne TAFE. **What's your design about?** It's a beach theme. I live on the coast, and the plants and colours reflect that. **What's your favourite part?** The shower, because it gets your attention and no one else has one in their design. **What would you do with the \$5000 cash prize?** Invest in landscape-design software. **Any tips for home gardeners?** Get out amongst it and enjoy, and try new things. **With whom would you rather share your secateurs: Peter Cundall or Jamie Durie?** Jamie Durie, because a lot of his designs are out there and different. >