

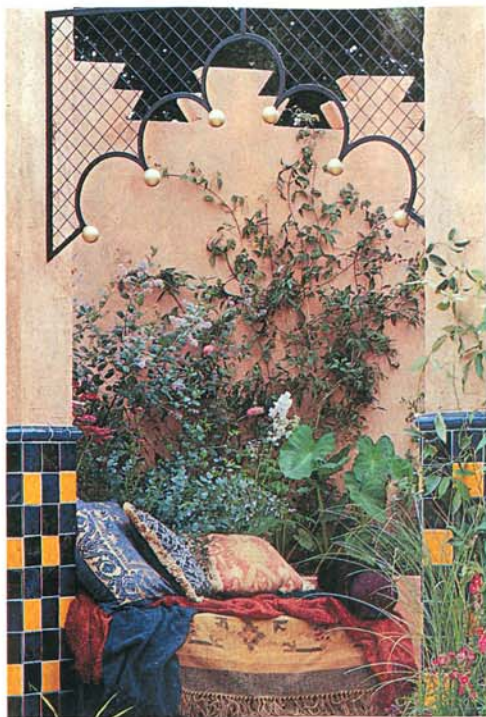
# New shoots

Shows 2001

## Fun ideas from Tatton Park

The show for *real* gardeners just gets more and more inspiring, reckons Kevin Smith

'That wall is fantastic' exclaimed GA's Fran at The rhythm of Life Garden designed by Marco Schrang. Okay – it may be pink, but even the most macho man would have to agree it looks brilliant. Luxurious cushions entice you to **relax against that rich colour**. Go on, be brave – paint walls to shock, it's the trendy thing to do.



The LivingEDGE/John Lewis garden had it all. **Beautiful planting, gorgeous tiles and fabulous upholstery** made it a pleasure to gawp at. Not sure about practicality, though, especially with that rain! I wonder if John Lewis sells waterproof cushions?

### WONDERFUL, WACKY AND WET!



**This is what gardening is all about.** A Front Garden, designed by Jane Peterson, won a gold medal for its exquisite planting against a colour co-ordinated wall.



However long I stared I **couldn't believe what I was seeing**. The Garden of Illusion, designed by Salford City Council, sent gasps around the show. The perspex, glass and galvanised steel obviously did the trick for the RHS as it was awarded a silver gilt medal. I dread to think what my neighbours would say if I installed a checked wall and multi-coloured perspex in my back garden!



**Rain never beats a gardener!** Angela Mainwaring and Ninanne Sheridan battle with the elements to finish their two silver medal-winning Images of Independence Gardens.

The small Food for Thought garden, designed by Space 2 Place, immediately grabbed my attention. The breathtaking walls prove that red looks just as good – if not better – outdoors as it does on TV's interior makeover shows.

I loved this water feature, made from a reclaimed window sill, and the pumpkin trailing round it shows how attractively vegetables can be used in a small space.

I think we should all take a deep breath and be a lot braver in what we do at home.

