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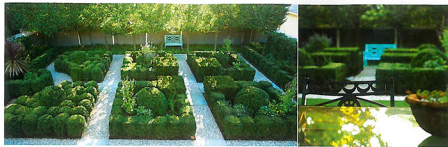
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winner Landscape: Less than 1 acre



The garden's linear shapes of sheared evergreen boxwoods, yew and hollies are softened with lush herbaceous plantings, including peonies, iris, and hyssop; from the back terrace, the view is symmetrically framed by ornamental trees. The blue bench is a custom piece.

DOYLE HERMAN DESIGN ASSOCIATES

greener pastures

In the world of landscape design, bigger is not necessarily better. Just ask James Doyle, whose firm, Doyle Herman Design Associates, packed a lot of visual punch into the small backyard of this home in downtown Greenwich. "The clients were downsizing and their children were grown," says Doyle. "They wanted a garden they could view from their terrace, and still have it be impactful." In keeping with the understated nature of the neighborhood, he let the architecture guide the design—a serene sanctuary of structural plantings, accented with perennials, such as Aster Monch and Agastache—a salvia-like flower—and edged with steel-sided gravel and bluestone paths. "The mounded boxwood and cubed taxus are simplistic but dynamic," he says. "The different forms give your eye something to rest on." Hedges of Japanese holly run along both sides

of the property, while aerial hornbeams provide screening at the back. "It's a great fall color," says Doyle. "And in the spring there is the green of the new leaves." The tropical Cordyline in an oversize urn serves as a focal point, and the custom bench in a deep sky blue is an unexpected twist on a classic. "We definitely wanted that pop of color," he says. "We knew the clients would be on board with something that sophisticated." —JM

LANDSCAPE DESIGN:
Doyle Herman Design
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