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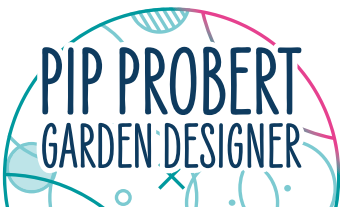


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The **Little Explorers Garden** celebrates children's natural curiosity, inviting young visitors to play, learn and connect with nature through hands-on discovery. A light-washed wooden pergola forms the heart of the space, complete with monkey bars, a built-in slide and a hidden bug-house den. Pocket planters filled with herbs encourage sensory exploration, while colourful trug planters and natural stone stepping stones guide movement through the plot. Jungle-style planting, a flexible play tunnel and a small wildlife pond create moments of adventure and wonder. Designed for the BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair, this garden shows how small steps outdoors can spark big discoveries.

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Trees & Structural Shrubs

Acer palmatum 'Osakazuki'
Cotinus coggygia
Sambucus nigra 'Black Lace'
Cercis chinensis 'Shirobana'
Buddleja davidii 'Black Knight'
Caryopteris clandonensis 'Blue Fountain'
Abelia × *grandiflora* 'Kaleidoscope'
Nandina domestica 'Obsessed'
Mahonia eurybracteata 'Sweet Winter'
Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'

Woodland & Shade Loving Perennials

Epimedium rubrum
Tiarella 'Spring Symphony'
Asplenium scolopendrium
Athyrium niponicum 'Metallicum'
Dryopteris erythrosora
Cyrtomium fortunei
Astilbe 'Fanal'
Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop'

Grasses & Movement Plants

Carex buchananii
Carex testacea 'Prairie Fire'
Imperata cylindrica 'Red Baron'
Anemanthele lessoniana

Tropical & Exotic Interest

Canna 'Cannova' Mixed
Campsis tagliabuana 'Golden Trumpet'
Musa basjoo
Musa basjoo 'Sakhalin'

Flowering Perennials (Summer Colour)

Alstroemeria 'Garden Summer Saint'
Achillea 'Terracotta'
Aster frikartii 'Mönch'
Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam'
Echinacea 'Carrot Cake'
Geum 'Totally Tangerine'
Phlox paniculata 'Early Red'
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'
Salvia greggii 'Amethyst Lips'
Verbena bonariensis
Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight'

Evergreen Foliage & Architectural Plants

Fatsia japonica
Cordyline australis 'Torbay Dazzler'
Phormium 'Jester'
Leucothoe 'Zelbid'
Hedera hibernica
Pachysandra terminalis
Liriope muscari 'Big Blue'
Phyllostachys nigra (black bamboo)

Groundcover, Texture & Filler Plants

Geranium 'Rozanne'
Heuchera 'Little Cutie Shimmer'
Heuchera 'Red Lightning'
Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon'
Persicaria affinis 'Darjeeling Red'
Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Speciosa'
Euphorbia 'Ascot Rainbow'

