

The seven days of creation in three???????????

We all know that renovations can be extremely stressful, but this was a pain-free miraculous transformation of my garden.

From the first meeting, I was highly impressed with the integrity, vision, professionalism and dedication of Barry Jarrott.

I have a small terrace in Surry Hills and I had a vision of a little secret cloister garden, Renaissance Italian style, a place of contemplation and beauty. Barry intuited exactly what I was after, and had considerable knowledge of the geometry, types of plants etc of such gardens. He was not only able to make my fantasy a reality, he was able to extend it with his superior knowledge of what plants were appropriate, the lay-out, and what would work in the small space.

Barry arrived with his team of one helper and in three days I had a hidden oasis in the city, a secret garden filled with espaliered camellias, an olive tree in a huge deep-blue pot, wisteria climbing over a trellis forming an arbor to reveal a garden seat with a gate behind. A candelabra wrapped around the one pre-existing tree framed by a mirror, which gave the illusion of gardens opening onto gardens. A water feature brought the serenity of a bubbling fountain, juniper conifers point to the heavens, all set within warm Tuscan walls Barry constructed...

Within three days, a dirt heap was transformed into a little piece of heaven.

Barry comes regularly to tend the garden and stays for a glass of red in my arbor.

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