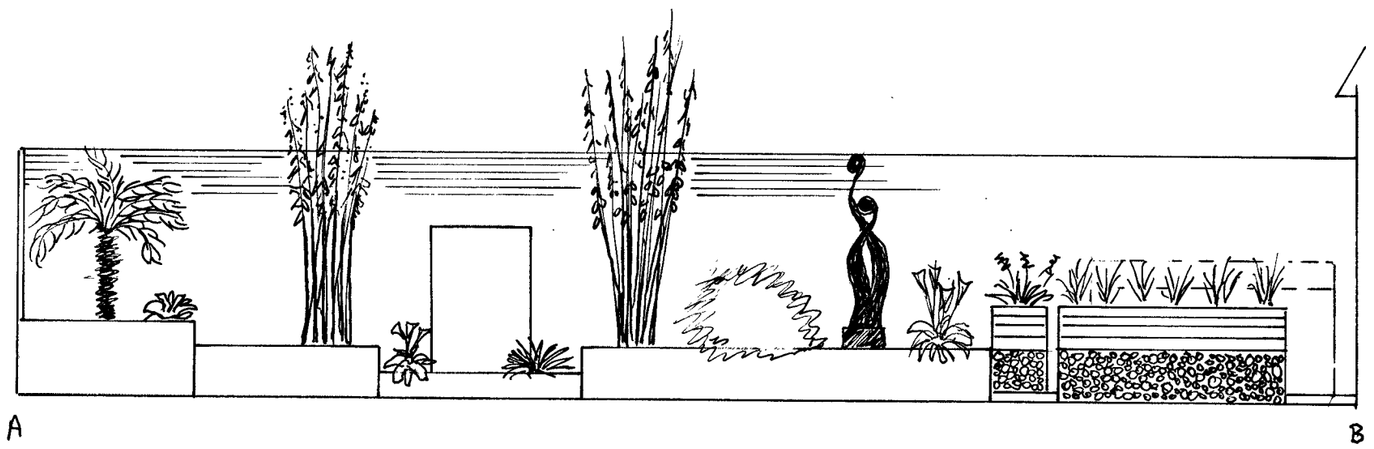
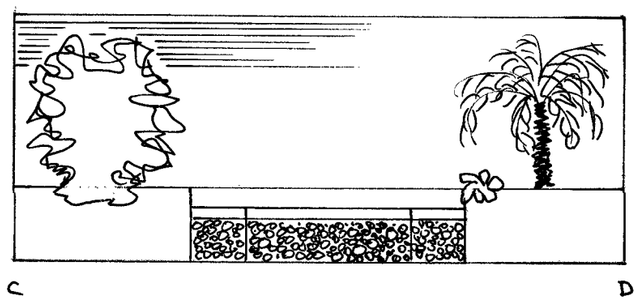
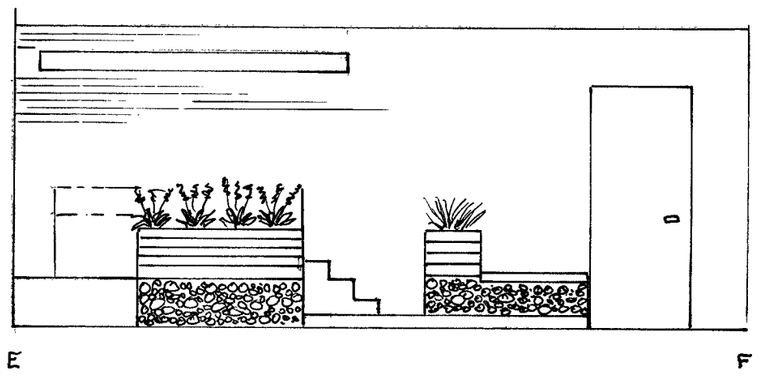
50 Shades of Green







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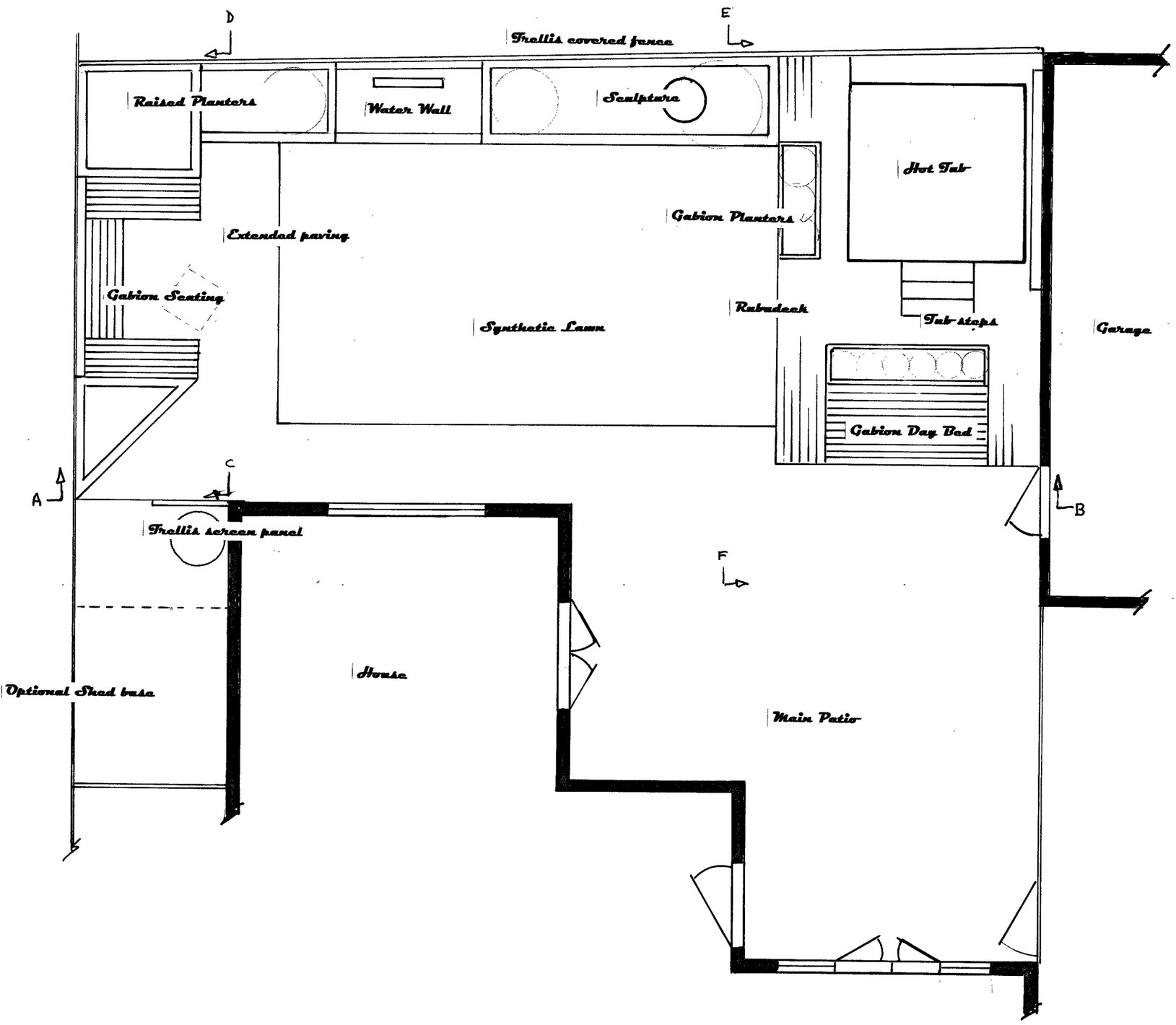

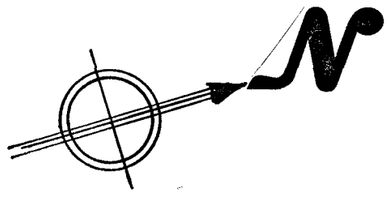

Overview	This modern family home is in the new development of Forest Hall Park, Stansted. Being a typical new-build the garden is in need of a full make-over to create a contemporary entertaining & relaxing outdoor space. Benefiting from a westerly aspect the main entertaining area gets plenty of sun. However, a certain amount of screening will be necessary, along with some techniques to lessen the impact of the surrounding buildings. The sturdy (but utilitarian) close-boarded fences on all three sides would need a contemporary treatment to lessen their impact. The design brief called for the relatively small space to include areas for dining & chilling out, to be low-maintenance, use modern materials & have exotic (over-the-top), but easy care plants & above all be FUN. So the idea of the Fifty Shades of Green Garden was born.
Hard Landscaping	Priority one was to keep the focus of garden users within the garden & detract from the surrounding buildings. Contemporary horizontal trellising finished in a very pale green will brighten & lift the space & keep the eye in the garden. Synthetic grass & Ruba-deck around the hot-tub offer long lasting, safe & low maintenance solutions. Raised timber planters & benches made from cobble filled gabion baskets topped with timber will be painted in other green shades. All raised planters & the water feature will be finished with cobbles of various sizes.
Planting	Black bamboo will provide instant height & screening. Dicksonia Antarctica (Tree Fern), Fatsia & Trachycarpus will provide structural planting. In the lower story hostas, grasses, calla lilies & white agapanthus will bring an interesting mix of textures to the garden.
Additional Features	A self-contained stainless steel water wall sits opposite the main window. A piece of contemporary garden sculpture opposite the dining area provides an attractive & interesting focal point.

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