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One of the things that made a difference to this garden was collaboration. Not only are Mary Ann and Art keen gardeners, but they're also very much into design and coordinating inside and out"

RON RULE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

We used to live in an apartment, but we were missing dirt. We didn't want a big yard, but something we could put a bit of effort into"

MARY ANN CLARK, HOMEOWNER



LEFT Directly off the kitchen is what homeowners Mary Ann Clark and Art Wilms call their summer living room. Surrounded by raised beds and a yew hedge, the back garden is set off by a classic indoor fixture – a gas fireplace. Pre-reno, the townhouse had a fireplace inside, “but it took up too much room, so we thought, let’s move it outside,” says Mary Ann. Visible from indoors (and controlled by an inside switch), the new fireplace is used year-round. “We’ve even been known to come out here in winter with a couple of duvets,” says Mary Ann.

Aside from the hearth, a variety of other elements define the sitting area and lend it room-like structure, including concrete pavers laid to mimic a rug. The choice of black upholstery works as a backdrop for vibrant annuals in beds and containers, as does the shade of tinted concrete that echoes the home’s exterior – a combination of black and a custom Benjamin Moore colour affectionately known as “Art’s taupe.” Mary Ann accessorizes with evergreen and lime hues to accent the monochromatic palette. “Any other shade would take away from the plants and flowers,” she says. Beyond the sitting area, up a set of stairs, is a secluded dining space built on what was previously a parking spot. **ABOVE** This reclaimed area next to the garage not only answered Mary Ann’s wish for a place to dine with family and friends but also lends the whole backyard a sense of depth. Roomy enough to seat up to 14, the area is shaded by a grape arbour. The rustic, weathered wooden dining table – once an indoor piece – is paired with modern steel mesh chairs atop another “area rug” created with paving stones. →

where to find it

Bedskirt fabric: Fabricland, 888-780-0333; fabricland.ca. **Quilts:** HomeSense (see above).

SUMMER ROOMS

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Landscape design: Ron Rule Consultants, Vancouver, 604-926-1696. **Contractor:** Roberts & Company, Vancouver, 604-728-6130. **Plants, installation:** Stellar Landscapes, Vancouver, 604-267-6100. **Tiles, containers:** Northwest Landscape & Stone Supply, 888-887-7738; Burnaby, B.C., 604-435-4842; landscapessupply.ca. **Fireplace:** Suquet Interiors, Vancouver, 604-872-3155; suquet.com. **Furniture:** Ginger Jar Casual Living, North Vancouver, B.C., 604-988-2789; gingerjarinteriors.com.

Cushions, green throw, vase (on coffee table), bowls, table linens: Provide, Vancouver, 604-632-0095; providehome.com. **Vases (on dining table), throw, lanterns:** HomeSense, 866-466-3707; homesense.ca.

COLOUR HER WORLD

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Design: Home Colours and Decor, Oakville, Ont., 905-815-0348; homecoloursanddecor.com.

Architecture: John Willmott Architect, Oakville, Ont., 905-842-2332; jwarchitect.com. **Builder:** Hallmark Homes Corporation, Oakville, Ont., 905-825-5949; hallmarkhomescorp.com. **Paint:** Steamy Summer Air P5/64-14 (ceiling, trim), Para Paints, 800-461-7272; para.com. **Hardwood flooring:** Antique Hardwood Flooring, Oakville, Ont., 905-825-8551; antiquehardwoodflooring.ca. **OFFICE Paint:** Light Khaki 2148-40 (walls), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898; benjaminmoore.ca. **Custom built-ins, island:** design, Home Colours and Decor (see above); construction, Oakville Architectural Millwork, Oakville, Ont., 905-825-1430. **GREAT ROOM Paint:** Barrel Aged P5176-34 (walls), Para Paints (see above). **Custom**