

James Alexander-Sinclair

James Alexander-Sinclair has been designing gardens for over 15 years, having fallen into the profession by accident after starting off his working life as a landscape contractor. He takes a relaxed, almost laissez-faire approach to design, producing informal yet dynamic gardens that are characterized by flowing lines and luscious planting. 'The best gardens are always the simplest,' he says, 'so I aim for uncomplicated structure with a many-layered anarchy of planting - a sort of perfectly corseted chaos.' Based in Northamptonshire, he is currently working on many private gardens, both large and small, from the South of France to the Western Isles, including work at Cottesbrooke Hall in Northamptonshire and Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute. His own garden near Towcester has been featured in *House & Garden* (February 2005), and James writes articles for newspapers and magazines; in addition he has appeared on BBC TV as a presenter for the *Small Town Gardens* series. He has designed gardens at Chelsea Flower Show and Westonbirt International Festival of

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