

Smart Landscape and Garden Design



Opportunity to gain some real experience

Kate Smart is looking for a designer to assist her with some of her projects. Kate started as a self employed Garden Designer in 2006 after completing 4 years training as a Landscape Architect in Cheltenham (University of Gloucestershire). Since then she has been building her business by working on domestic projects in the three counties area. These projects range in size from gardens around large country houses to bijou plots for modern family homes. Each project has it's own challenges and an individual brief reflecting the client's budget and needs.

This opportunity involves

- assisting with garden surveys.
- assessing the potential and challenges of various sites (site analysis).
- using Vectorworks to record and annotate the survey information and analysis.
- developing a planting palette suitable for the scheme that meets the client brief in terms of maintenance requirements, site conditions, season of interest and aesthetics.
- devising planting plans that can be used by landscape contractors (showing the plant spacing method e.g. matrix/planting densities etc) drawn in Vectorworks.
- producing plant schedules for sourcing and ordering plants.

You will need to be

- able to work on site collecting data quickly and accurately
- competent in your use of Vectorworks
- confident using the 'off set' and triangulation methods of data gathering
- able to identify plants on site
- knowledgeable about suitable plants for various schemes (in particular hardy shrubs and perennials)
- familiar with the National Plant Specification

You are likely to possess

- some spare time during the week to take part in projects
- your own hardware and software (or access to it) to complete tasks independently
- enthusiasm to work outside in all weathers
- good time management to meet tight deadlines
- good reference materials (or access to them) to compile comprehensive plant palettes

To see some of my recent projects and things you might be working on please visit my website www.smartgardendesign.co.uk.

If you think you could do the above and possess some of the skills and qualities listed (and would like to see what it's really like working in this industry!) please contact Kate Smart mobile 07719994287 or email kate@smartgardendesign.co.uk