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# the designer

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Designer of the Year  
Matthew Cunningham

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View of enclosed patio and vegetable beds



## SMALL GARDENS

Brookline Residence, Brookline, Massachusetts

# Andrea Nilsen Morse

Nilsen Landscape Design  
Marblehead, Massachusetts

USDA ZONE: 6B

**JUDGES' PERSPECTIVE:** "Good resolution to a difficult site and brief. Nice use of a decorative screen on the house facade. Masonry craftsmanship is good."



**T**he owners of this home wanted to use their tiny front yard as a place to relax in privacy. They preferred a contemporary look with clean lines, and they also wanted a dedicated vegetable garden.

The plan addressed the cramped front with a generous bluestone landing clearly denoting an entrance. From the landing, steps lead to a formal bluestone patio large enough for a settee. A Parasoleil panel echoes metal skirting under the house, filling a void on the home's façade.

To create privacy, the designer fashioned large, contemporary bluestone planters filled with tall grasses and perennials on either side of the walkway. The inside edges of the planters provide additional patio seating.

Three cedar raised vegetable beds at the side of the patio include vertical trellises for privacy from adjacent neighbors. Lighting under the wall cap ensures the space can be used into the evening.

**LYNN FELICI-GALLANT**

**STEAL THIS:** Do not be afraid to use bluestone or other decorative stone to create raised beds or large elements in a landscape. Rather than commit to using expensive (and heavy) stone for the entire element, create a less wieldy base with concrete, reserving the better stone to create a veneer.



**Front landing and side steps to driveway, Parasoleil panel, and bench**