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Bringing together all the best parts of a tropical garden without the sweltering heat and humidity, Amanda Elboz for Space Landscape Designs talks about one of her favourite garden creations and how she did it.

The landscape design was inspired by the tropics. The clients wanted a tropical-style garden with plenty of colour and plant variety. Their house was being renovated, so they needed a swimming pool renovation and a new garden to complement their contemporary house.

The pool renovation was given new coping and we paved the surrounding area in limestone to give it texture and character. To enhance the pool and give it that crystal blue look we installed new waterline tiles. An upper level terrace was created overlooking the pool and surrounding gardens, making it the perfect place to relax and pretend you're on a tropical holiday!

The planting theme was specifically chosen to create colourful variation and texture throughout the garden. To achieve this green lushness typical of a tropical garden the planting plan consisted of mass plantings of species with colourful foliage in various heights and texture. Large leafed plants and those with variegated foliage fill the area with a lushness you would expect to find in a tropical resort.

We maintained the existing sandstone path which flows through the garden, past focal points like the garden art, statues, water features and potted plants – all carefully placed amongst the fresh foliage.

What I love best about this garden is the sense of calm and warmth it creates. I also love the way we were able to showcase pots and ornaments the owners had collected on their travels to create a unique garden that is full of surprises for guests and full of memories for the owners.

# TROPICAL *paradise*

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