

MICHELLE MADONNA DESIGN

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Luxury. Sanctuary. Escape. These three words best describe Michelle Madonna Design. As a busy professional in New York City, Michelle can relate to her clients' needs and wants, including comfort, downtime, and getting away from it all.

But how does Madonna deliver luxury, sanctuary, and escape in classic or modern landscapes and what materials best express sumptuousness, spa, and hideaway?

Both a classic Hamptons garden hedge pruned to perfection and a modern section of wildflowers can create the feel of sanctuary. Water brings the notion of spa into play and is typically an element in Madonna's designs. There are many ways to bring water to the landscape including framing nearby natural water views or incorporating a pool or water feature. It's vital in the Hamptons as the ocean is such an integral part of the area and

water always provides a calming effect in the landscape.

Madonna uses David Austin garden roses to express luxury. "They're opulent," she says, "fragrant and sophisticated." The calm of lavender inspires sanctuary and serenity. And nothing says escape from the city like the contrast of ornamental grasses. But don't

limit materials to just plantings. Sculptures and installations, particularly in modern landscapes, will set you apart. While Madonna puts a lot of thought into planting design, she also believes in creating outdoor spaces that are rich in comfort.

Madonna uses luxury outdoor furniture lines

like Gloster and Dedon to create sitting areas for relaxation.

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