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The Modern Rock Garden

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Main view of the garden
Overall view of The Modern Rock Garden.



A garden plan
An artist's impression of the garden.

Designer Tomoko Osonoe

Sponsor Tecnoplan Co

Contractor Alfie Bines Gardens

This is a clean, simple, modern garden that might be found in a stylish new building. It draws inspiration from the Utrecht Botanic Garden, in the Netherlands, where the designer worked as a gardener.

The garden is arranged on different levels, each one supported by gabions filled with rocks, surfaced with metal grids. The top level is for relaxing and features an elegant Japanese maple, which provides a focal point in the garden.

The plants are suited to a rock garden and are low-maintenance choices, needing less watering as they prefer poor soil (albeit well-drained). They have been arranged in their containers in a very artistic, dramatic way, with each one containing a different species.

While on the surface it might not appear to be very environmentally-friendly, in fact the gabions provide marvellous habitats for all sorts of creatures, as well as being a permeable surface that allows water to drain through it slowly, reducing the incidence of run-off.



Anemone,
Susannah Hunter

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