



## BESPOKE PROJECTS

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# WE CAN TAILOR JOBS FOR YOU

If it was easy, everyone would do it!

We all know the saying and nowhere is this more true than in the construction of bespoke planters. Each job is an engineering challenge and some call on all the skills we have developed over many years to fulfil the designers brief while producing a product that not only looks good on day one, but for many years after. We have the capacity to take a project from the simplest of sketches to shop drawing stage, including, if required, 3D rendering.

Our designers work with CAD and will often take the designers files and work them up into manufacturable products. This includes inputs from our in-house engineering team who will advise on how shapes and sizes can be achieved while maintaining the integrity of the planter once filled with soil. For this reason alone it is vital to work with an experienced company such as Livingreen Design on bespoke planter projects as our knowledge of the forces acting upon the planter walls and base will ensure a successful outcome. Over the years we have seen many examples of projects where the brief in terms of design has been fulfilled but where the planters subsequently bend, twist, distort and even fall apart as there has been no understanding of the construction standard required.

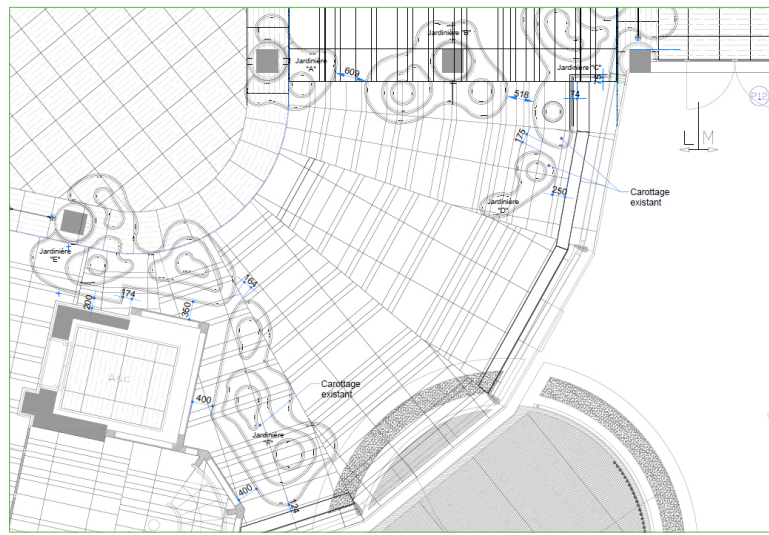


# BESPOKE IS OUR SPECIALITY

Manufacturing starts with the Tool - the original planter from which we make the mould - and where possible we make these in house in order to keep costs down. This also speeds up the manufacturing process as external toolmakers are notoriously slow as well as expensive. We are now able to construct complex curved shapes as well as more usual rectangular and square planter tools in our own workshops and are happy to advise clients on ways to keep costs lower by making refinements to the design without necessarily materially affecting the overall look of the finished product.

The beauty of working with composites such as glass fibre is that it's possible to achieve a huge range of forms and large sizes and even sectional planter beds, for minimal cost compared to other materials. The lightweight nature of the material also makes it the natural choice for bespoke roof gardens and green roof constructions and we are constantly working on such projects.

Extras that can easily be added to a bespoke planter (even large tree planters) include castor bases, pallet bases, lighting, signwriting and moulded in dates, names etc. We can also work with other materials such as metal and wood - so for example we might make rigid composite planters specially strengthened to be clad in either wood or steel for decoration.



# HANDCRAFTED IN SCOTLAND

However, our own specialist finishing department can create, for example, the exact look of terracotta or corten steel, to the point where it is genuinely indistinguishable from the real thing and yet is lighter, longer lasting and a fraction of the price. We can also produce planters that are Class 1 fire retardant for use in public spaces such as the Christmas Tree surrounds produced for Network Rail (opposite).

Recent projects have included:

- 31 individual curved planting beds up to 5m long for a Paris based insurance company
- Large bespoke barrier style planters for Nice Tramway, solving a weight loading issue on a bridge
- Bespoke 1.2m cubes with pallet bases for Charles de Gaulle Airport
- Sloping based tree planters with preformed electrical conduits to replace original and now rotten wooden planters for Disneyland Paris
- Special sized pedestals with built in LED uplighters to support various sculptures
- 1.5m square cubes and V shaped planters engineered for attachment to metal beams on a glass roof for Macmillan Cancer hospital, London.
- Modular planter beds to 14 metres on 3 levels for Bow Roundabout and London 2012 Olympics

