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Residential Gardens + Roof Decks

Over the years I have worked on numerous residential gardens - from single family homes in Southlands to roof top gardens in Yaletown. While each garden is unique, the process about getting to a final design is fairly similar -it begins with a dialogue to understand the needs and desires of the client. Typically there are a number of design options generated and a final option is developed through to construction drawings.

Establishing a budget is crucial so that the design does not go beyond the anticipated costs.

Ensuring the install is well executed requires a capable contractor. Mocks ups are an important factor to ensure design intent is met, good quality control, and more often that not a way for the client to make decisions and better see the garden coming together.

Finally maintenance is another factor that must be considered early in the design process. While many residential clients hire a gardener, some clients chose to maintain their garden themselves. Understanding maintenance not only informs the choice of materials and planting but also the budget.



top left
Tremblay Residence
Smithers BC

top right
Navabi Roof Deck
Vancouver BC

bottom left
Jones Roof Deck
Vancouver BC

bottom right
Seal Garden
Vancouver BC

Other Hand Sketches

To Scale. A simple concept not afforded when working solely in CAD or modelling software.

Working on to scale hand drawings allows me to focus on the broader scale and how the work needs to relate to the context. It is the perfect way to hash out concepts and manipulate ideas with fluidity.

For me every project still starts with a to scale base plan and a hand sketch. Design options can be quickly generated so that a preferred option is quickly realized.

Once the big moves are made then it gets entered into CAD - a process that takes skill, determination and creativity so that the energy of hand drawings can be captured, detailed, and constructed.



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Century Park, North Vancouver BC
Cressey Developments, Bingham Hill Architects

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Parcels G 5, 6 & Southgate, Burnaby BC
Ledingham MacAllister Developments, IBI Architects