



# TRANSFORMATIONS

CONSTRUCTION  
& LANDSCAPING

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## Curriculum Vitae for Jean Anderson, Landscaper / Landscape Designer

Name: Jean Anderson

Age: 38

Tertiary Education: Bachelor Social Science, majoring in Psychology and Social Work  
Landscape Design course with Johan Horsten

Years Experience: Landscaping 13 years  
Landscape design 7 years

Drivers license: Code 08 with excellent skills

### Work experience

2002–2009 **Owner of landscaping company, Transformations**

I have run my own landscaping and landscape design company for the past 7 years. Through this I have gained experience both in landscaping and design work.

### LANDSCAPING

- Water features: - Formal brick or block and mortar.
  - Many tiered features with sheet spill overs.
  - Natural Ponds with boulder arrangement
  - Wide variety of preformed features, including formal cement tiered features and bubbling urn/pot  
Onto stones
  - I also made several water feature 'trees' out of copper pipes.

I have therefore extensive experience with a wide variety of sealants including, A.B.E products, Concrete products and burn on roofing. Knowledge of pumps, non return valves, underwater lights, electrical requirements, detailed knowledge of cement work is also realized here.

- Plants: - I have a wide knowledge of plants including indigenous plants, planting for wildlife, water and marginal plants, herbs, invasive plants.
  - Extensive design work means that I can suggest plants, indigenous or otherwise, for use in all types of garden, modern, formal, wildlife, coastal, oriental, etc.
  - Extensive experience planting all varieties and size of plants and laying sod.
  - Extensive knowledge of plant maintenance, pruning, fertilizing, trimming etc.
  - Invasive alien vegetation identification and removal

- Hard Landscaping: - I have extensive experience with paving, laid on cement or in soil, with plants in between, with a variety of natural stone tiles, with cutting laying tiles in a mosaic pattern, and cleaning and sealing natural stone tiles..
  - I have laid a variety of edging, whether cobble, brick, sandstone brick or role pole.
  - I have been involved with decking, stairs, and other wooden structures.
  - Building retaining walls out of brick, block, retaining blocks, stones,
  - installing screens
- Maintenance: - I have detailed knowledge and experience with all aspects of garden maintenance, from pruning, fertilizing and hedging.
  - I can recognize and deal with most kinds of pests and diseases and know many greener methods for dealing with these.
  - Experience with lawn maintenance.
- Other: - Experience with installing irrigation systems, automatic and manual.
  - Experience with a variety of tools like grinders, table saws, mitre saws, sanders, floor sanders, planers, skill saws, chain saws, tree poppers, come alongs and bobcats.

## DESIGN

With 7 years of experience in design work, I am skilled in the following areas.

- Site survey: I can assess a site quickly and determine salient garden features like, soil type, wind, problems, assets, prevailing conditions, shade/sun, garden style and plant selection etc.
- Assessment: I can assess what is needed to ameliorate problems and highlight assets.
- Measuring: I can measure up complex site situations, and draw these up.
- Design work: - I have drawn about 75 detailed plans including building plans, planting plans, design plans and design sketches.
  - These are both hand drawn and CAD 2D overviews and elevations, as well as 3D computer generated walk throughs.
  - I have also used programmes which change and enhance the garden on a digital photograph.
  - I have the skills, knowledge and creativity for excellent design work, appropriate to situations, style and budget.

## OTHER

Other work skills which I have gained over my time with Transformations include:

- I have good management skills and communication skills with workers. Our staff have all remained with us for many years.
- Desktop publishing skills and advertising.

### 2000– 2002 Creative Lifestyle Centre, East London

I joined this nursery and landscaping business to learn about local plants and conditions. My position was mainly in the nursery and required the following:

- Detailed plant knowledge.
- Dynamic sales personality and enthusiasm for the product.
- Good customer relations.
- Knowledge of landscaping products and trends.

I was so enthusiastic with my work there that I was repeatedly asked if I was the owner of the business.

### 1999–2000 Northern lights landscaping, Duluth, Minnesota, USA

I was in charge of the maintenance crew for a large landscaping company.

- I needed good leadership skills.
- Learned about plants and construction in very cold climates.
- Used petrol powered hedge trimmer and leaf blowers.
- Detailed pruning and fertilizing.

### 1997–1998 Earth, Wind and Rock Landscaping, Ridgeway, Colorado, USA

I worked for an award winning landscaping company. Here I was involved with all aspects of the physical side of landscaping except design.


- Planting, paving, maintaining, water features, deer control, driving, sowing seed, preparing soil, building walls and irrigation.

### About myself:

I am living in East London with my husband and three children. I am planning on furthering my studies in Psychology. I am needing to spend one weekend a month with my studies and hence my decision to move to Cape Town. I love learning new skills and would like to work for a company that would stretch my skills and teach me new things. I work hard, am perfectly reliable, strongly self directed and have a great capacity for lateral thinking and creativity.

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