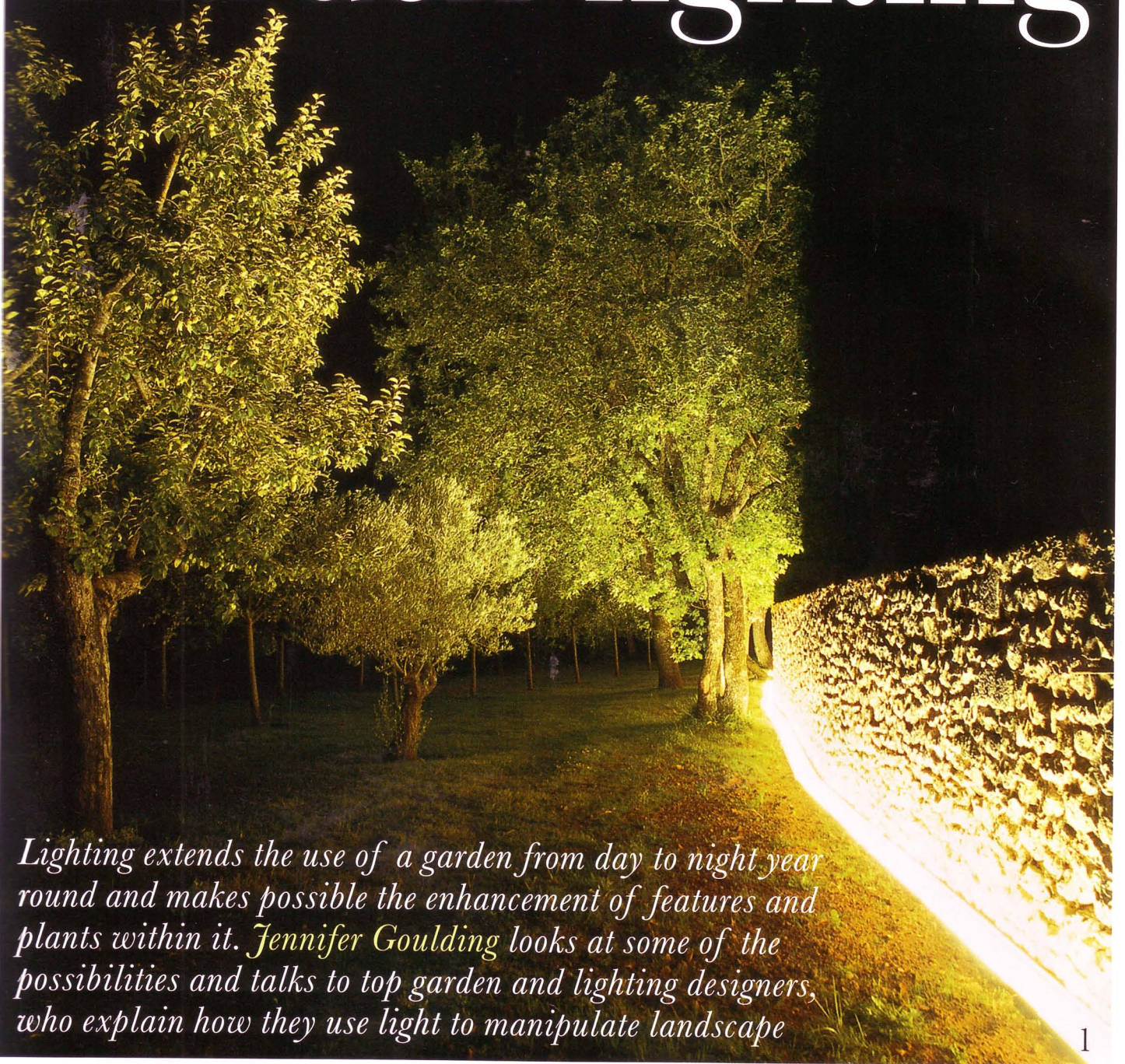


Design ideas

Garden lighting



Lighting extends the use of a garden from day to night year round and makes possible the enhancement of features and plants within it. Jennifer Goulding looks at some of the possibilities and talks to top garden and lighting designers, who explain how they use light to manipulate landscape

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1 This extraordinary effect has been created by means of inverted guttering mounted with waterproof fluorescent tubes, set within a narrow trench at the base of a boundary wall. ▶



2 Angling an uplighter so that it illuminates only parts of a tree, as in this garden by Laara Copley-Smith, produces a subtle effect.

3 LED lights set in the decking and mounted on adjustable spikes in the planters make this bamboo look dramatic, using minimal energy.

4 Christopher Bradley-Hole highlights the pleasing stem structure of these bamboo plants with uplighters concealed among pebbles.

5 A row of olive trees planted in containers is accented with uplighters surrounded by grasses that diffuse the beams of light.

6 'Water and light is a marriage made in heaven. Dark pools such as this one are ideal for subtle underwater lighting, where the light picks up the gentle movement of the water and creates a jewel-like focal point,' explains Charlotte Rowe. >



'In the winter particularly, an unlit garden is a black void. Garden lighting helps to extend the interior space into the garden. At the same time it opens up the exterior and brings the garden into the house, creating an additional room' CHARLOTTE ROWE, garden designer