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“When designing an area for privacy, what plants and materials do you use?”

I like *Pittosporum tenuifolius*; *Ligustrum japonicum*; *Ficus microphylla nitida*; *Ficus benjamina*, etc... Block walls with stucco work well! - JJ

Dodonea viscosa ‘Purpurea’ - fast and good looking, an unusual combo. - SG

Kumquat hedge ... slow growing, but low maintenance. Fragrant flowers and fruit almost all year.
Bambusa oldhamii - non-running, dark green even in horrible soil. Makes great sounds with any air movement.
- JS

We trained cuttings of *Pereskia* (cactus vine) along a chain link fence and allowed them to GROW. As the older stems aged the mature spines (3”+) developed but were nicely hidden from view by the profuse foliage. Although individual flowers were small, their profusion provided a good show. This plant gave us both privacy and security. Yearly pruning kept the mass under some control. - BK, CSUN Botanic Garden

I have a HUGE, GORGEOUS bougainvillea in the front of my house and it does the privacy job. - PT

- * Lower the area about a foot relative to the surrounding ground.
- * Boulders to hold the soil and provide seating.
- * A ring of several *Heteromeles arbutifolia* (Toyon) pruned into miniature trees for shade.
- * *Miscanthus transmorrisonensis*.
- * *Penstemon* ‘Enor’.
- * *Hemerocallis* ‘Sue Booth’ (Daylily).
- * *Aloe* ‘Rooikappie’.
- * A medium size cup shaped boulder fitted to make a weeping rock fountain.

I could go on... - LH