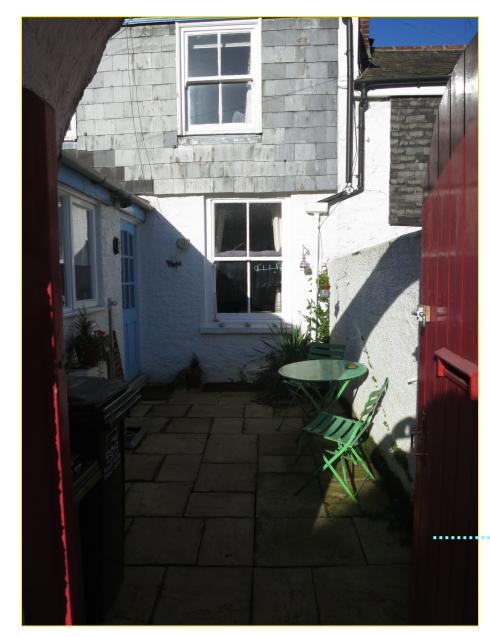
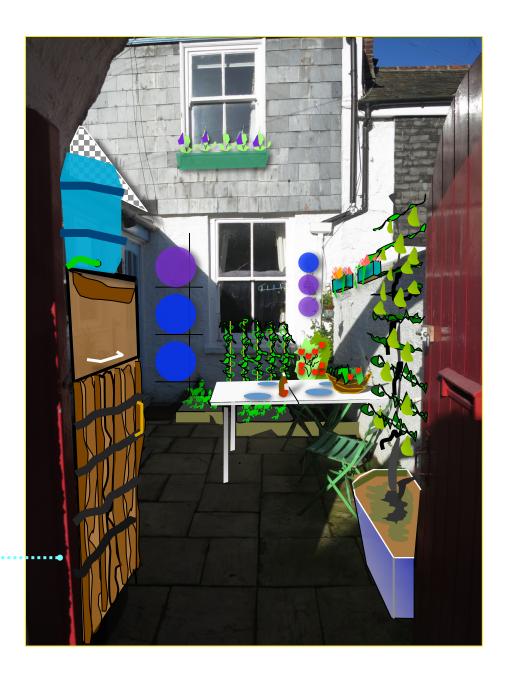
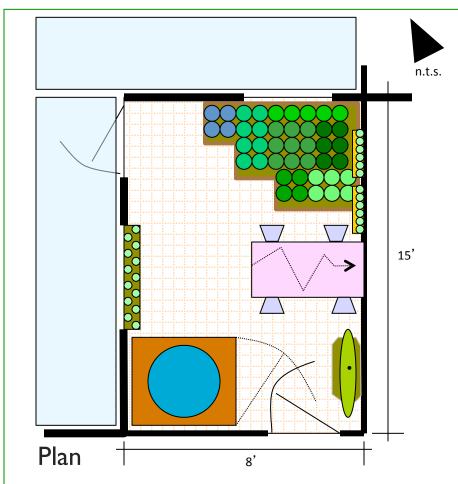
120 Square Foot Farm

Totnes, England, United Kingdom



This is Hope Cottage in Totnes, Devon, UK. I lived here with my family while studying and working in the Transition Town movement. This project was inspired by Transition goals and was shared with the community as an example of the possible.





The main idea is to take a space that does not produce anything now and turn it into a place to harvest food, water, and energy.

Vegetables are grown in beds at the back, an espalier pear tree is in a container at right, and herbs are in boxes around the farm.

Functionally, the bins can be enclosed with recycled wood, creating a storage space for farm tools. Adding a table that can unfold from the wall would double the entertaining space. The folding part is critical: this is the only access into the dwelling, thus a free flow must be maintained.

Rooftops would allow for solar panels to provide at least half the electricity needed to power the house. A rain barrel sits atop a garden shed. Composting on site would add to the soil over time. Art could be used to enlarge the perception of the space – a tromp trompe l'oeil effect.