

6 Thresholds

Thresholds are spatial components of the landscape which provide for integrated, subtle and complex transitions through the landscape. Thresholds are relatively small spaces which 'sit' between larger spaces or between buildings and landscape. Like edges, thresholds 'knit' the fabric of landscape together, but unlike edges they are 'centred' rather than linear spaces.

Thresholds are included in this book because, like edges, their potential and necessity in design are often overlooked.

In this section, the concept of thresholds is defined and illustrated examples are given of the use of topography, vegetation, structures and water in their formation.