How to design your garden

It might be challenging to know where to begin when designing a garden. How do you evaluate the space, create a strategy, and begin planting? What about pathways, barriers and furniture. Before planning your garden, look for ideas. Ensure that you are aware of all accessible options; else, you may later regret not adopting them. It is also intriguing to observe how other people have designed their personal gardens. There is an abundance of information and ideas available on the Internet, so we would suggest beginning your search there. Pinterest and Instagram continue to be the best locations to take inspiration. Ultimately, your solution will rely on your desires and needs, as well as your budget.



Garden Size and Planning

First, determine the size of your garden. Whether you're preparing your garden plan on your own or consulting a professional, this will assist you understand what you're dealing with. The secret to a beautiful garden is meticulous planning. Do you favour a specific landscaping design, such as rustic, Mediterranean or contemporary? Understanding the appearance and sensation of each is critical to achieving success. Regardless of the dimensions of your garden, you must decide where the trees will be, what sort of pavement will be utilised, which areas are for plants, flowers or buildings. Your planning should be rooted in the fundamental elements of landscape architecture: equilibrium, uniformity, proportion, simplicity, succession, variation, and prominence.

Furniture

Invest in a high-quality, long-lasting set of outdoor furniture. Consider the available area and ensure that each individual has sufficient room to seat comfortably without interfering with anything. Also, keep in mind that you'll need space around the table after everyone is seated. It occupies considerably more room than you might believe! Consider portable chairs that can be stored under a table for smaller gardens. L-shaped furniture can be unexpectedly compact, although bigger areas can accommodate complete furniture sets with sofas, dining table and chairs, trendy sun loungers, cocoon egg chairs or hammocks.

Planting

Cultivating a beautiful garden needs a great deal of effort, but understanding just what to plant and when can help your garden flourish. Thus, you may enjoy your garden during the summertime and focus on planning and maintenance throughout the winter. The best garden designs begin with foundational plants. Once this framework is set up, fill the gaps with attractive flowers. It's great to use no more than five or six distinct types and arrange them in repeating patterns to achieve a coherent and cohesive appearance. A depth of one metre or more is ideal for a border, allowing you to place shorter plants in front and taller ones behind.

If you intend to grow vegetables, an elevated garden is the solution. Choose a protected, sunny location for growing vegetables. Some exclusions are salad leaves and certain herbs that can grow in shady areas. **By Cristina Gore**

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