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Designing Your SMALL SPACE GARDEN

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

PLAN FIRST - SHOP LATER

CONSIDER:

- Style
 - Somewhat formal
 - Casual
 - Natural - Informal
 - Tropical
- Use / Function

ASSESS WHAT YOU HAVE, HOW YOU SPEND OR WOULD LIKE TO SPEND YOUR TIME AND USE THE SPACE OUTDOORS

- Vegetable gardening
 - GSC Better Metal Patio Planter Box
- Fresh herbs
 - GSC VegTrug Herb Planter
- Cutting garden along alley
- Work area
 - GSC Tall Cedar Potting Bench
- Composting
 - GSC Dual-Batch Compost Tumbler
- Hiding the inner workings of the garden
 - Double fence with easy access
- Harvesting rain water
 - Rain barrels
 - Check your local municipality for regulations and rebates
 - Hidden and interlocking - thanks Kelly
 - Mask with plantings
 - StormGUARDen
- Entertaining
 - Allow room for guests

EVALUATE SURROUNDINGS - NOISE, TRAFFIC, NEIGHBORS...

- Views to keep and those to block
 - Structures
 - GSC Veradek 3-Panel Privacy Screen
 - Plants
 - Openings for borrowed views

MEET WITH THOSE WHO SHARE THE SPACE

- Room for sun and shade lovers
- Space for youngsters in your life
- Space for outdoor games
 - Living chess board

MAKE IT CONVENIENT - SO YOU'LL USE IT

- Connect the indoors to the outdoors
- Bring the garden to your back, kitchen or front door
- Create gardening space
 - GSC Self-watering Metal Raised Beds
- Containers
 - Include fruit, vegetables and herbs
 - Red planter along the streets of Quebec
 - ❖ Tomato
 - ❖ Nasturtium
 - ❖ Pennisetum
 - ❖ Sweet potato vine
 - One plant per pot - more productive
 - Create a garden of containers for maximum productivity, variety and beauty
 - Varieties suitable for small spaces and containers
 - Large terra cotta pot
 - ❖ Swiss chard
 - ❖ Parsley
 - ❖ Cabbage

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- Stacked containers (Aqua Liners)
 - ❖ Mustards
 - ❖ Determinate tomatoes
 - ❖ Greens
 - ❖ Pineapple
 - ❖ More
- Lizzano or Terenzo tomato in hanging basket
- Washtub
 - ❖ Red cabbage
 - ❖ Basil
 - ❖ Profusion zinnia
 - ❖ Parsley
 - ❖ Determinate tomato
- Patio Choice tomato
- Yellow Robin tomato
- Washtub with Mascotte beans
- Patio Pride snap pea
- Astia zucchini
- Malabar spinach
- Green wall
 - ❖ Herbs
 - ❖ Ornamental pepper
- Herbs in shoe caddy
- Edible flowers
- Pixie grapes
- Grape arbor
- Hardy kiwi on arbor
- Strawberry in traditional strawberry pot
- Strawberries as groundcover
- DeLizz strawberries
- Fig in pot
- Brown Turkey & Chicago Fire hardy figs
- Raspberry Shortcake raspberry
- Baby Cakes blackberry
- BerryBux blueberry

- Compact blueberries
 - Fruit trees for shade, beauty & produce
- Columnar apples
 - ❖ Urban apples
 - ❖ North Pole
 - ❖ Golden Sentinel
- Support birds and pollinators
 - Hummingbird feeding on Lady in Red Salvia
 - Lavender Scallops
 - Butterfly weed
 - Major Wheeler honeysuckle
 - Water
 - ❖ Bird bath
- Fragrance
 - Alyssum
 - Sweet Summer Love clematis
 - Pink Perfume Bloomerang lilac

MAKE EVERY SPACE COUNT

- Take advantage of underutilized spaces
 - End of driveway garden
 - Clematis
 - Birds nest spruce
 - Nicotiana
 - Tomatoes and sitting area between house and garage
 - Side yard in Portland
 - Cosmos
 - Pole beans
 - Strawberries
 - Apple...
 - Turning eyesore into plantable space
 - Interlocking blocks
 - Boulders and containers



About Melinda

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening, the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program airing on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest Food Gardening for Everyone DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine, writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column and a nationally-distributed gardening column. She appears regularly as a guest expert on national and local television and radio shows.

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CREATE OUTDOOR ROOMS

- Small paved area, chairs and planters
 - Elephant ears
 - Bromeliad
 - Elephant bush
 - Snow bush
 - Oxalis
- Table and chairs under trees in front yard
- Sitting nook with chairs and containers - Vermont Garden
- Arbor with chair covered by scarlet runner bean
- Arbor set in lawn, backed by fence, containers and indoor/outdoor carpet
- Canopy covered sitting area inside garden bed
- Gazebo in garden
- Easy access for convenience and entertaining
- Pathway to a quiet space
- Front yard entry becomes sitting area
- Side yard next to garage
- Garden makeover from Great Courses How to Grow Anything - VA
 - Self-watering containers
 - Knock Out roses
 - Techno lobelia
 - Cardinal climber
- Garden makeover - WI

CREATING THE ROOM

- Ceiling
 - Willow saplings in grow bags
 - Structure
 - DIY from trellises and wood strips
 - Umbrella
 - Vine covered

- Keep in mind:
 - Impact on growing conditions below
 - Foliage, flowers and fruit
 - Maintenance issues
- The floor
 - Plants vs. hardscapes
 - Dichondra in CA
 - Thyme for hot, dry location
 - Grass with steppers
 - Moss and steppers
 - Stone
 - Pea gravel
 - Consider use and maintenance requirements
- Walls, screening bad views - creating privacy
 - Plantings
 - Wall of arborvitae
 - Consider mixed plantings
 - Blue wall with cylindrical snake plant (So CA)
 - Bamboo screen and bromeliads (So CA)
 - Wall with weeping blue cedar (Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX)
 - Espalier on fence or trellis
 - Living wall
 - Planters to soften walls
 - Grasses
 - Tall perennials
 - Containers with tall plants
 - Large tropicals
 - Lattice and painted windows
 - Corner screening - lattice and planter
 - Arbor with containers and hanging baskets
 - Old Window with artwork

UPCOMING APPEARANCES & WEBINARS

Check often as more appearances and webinars continue to be added.

February 11th - 13th

PBS Wisconsin Garden & Landscape EXPO
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February 18th - 20th

NARI Milwaukee Spring Home Improvement Show
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February 23rd Webinar

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March 1st

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March 5th & 6th

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March 26th & 27th

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- Dutchman's pipe vine
- Cucumber on trellis
- Tomatoes on open fencing - Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG)
- Espalier pears
- Belgian fence at U of MN Landscape Arboretum
- Divider of fountain grass - Salt Lake City, UT
- Hanging planters - CBG
 - Greens
 - Pansies
 - Parsley
 - Peppers
- Bed of asparagus
- Low fence covered with weeping larch - VT
- Hanging baskets & containers, squash and pumpkins - Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden
 - Silver Falls dichondra
 - Ghost pumpkin
 - Canna
 - Elephant ears
 - Sweet potato vine
- Deck screening from Great Courses How to Grow Anything, VA
 - Boxwoods elevated on overturned nursery pots and covered with burlap
 - Black Lace elderberry
 - Shenandoah switchgrass in colorful self-watering pots
- GSC 3-Tier Vertical Wall Planter

MAKE EVERY PLANT COUNT

- Hardy, healthy and vigorous and suited to the growing conditions
- Plants with multiple benefits

- Musclewood (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Lacinato kale and Asian Garden celosia
- Interesting form, texture, color, flowers or fruit
- Attract birds and butterflies
- Edible
- Double your plantings for greater impact
 - Equally assertive plants that require the same growing conditions
 - *Ligularia* and *Actaea* (formerly *Cimicifuga*)
 - Extend or double bloom time and benefits
 - Clematis and climbing rose
 - Go vertical - more on that later

MAKE COLOR AND TEXTURE WORK FOR YOU

- Warm colors - red, yellow, orange
 - Energizing, warming, make an area feel smaller, focal point
 - Purple smoke bush
 - Tiger Eyes sumac
 - Knock Out rose
- Cool colors - green, blue, violet
 - Relaxing, cooling, space feels larger
 - Plumbago
- November So CA planting
 - Orange kangaroo paws
 - White alyssum
 - Blue pansies
 - Yellow ice plant
- Color echo for unity, balance and greater impact - WI garden
 - Red coleus
 - Red flowered astilbe
 - Japanese maple
- Fine texture (grasses, spike flowers) - bold texture (big leaves, round flowers)

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- Atlas fescue with agave (Huntington Gardens, CA)
- Pink muhly grass (*Mulenbergia*) and *Verbena bonariensis* (National Arboretum, Washington, DC)
- Impact of light on plants

FURNISHINGS

- Tables & chairs, grills, pizza ovens and fire pits
- Leave enough room for people and furnishings
- Lucky red lantana as faux fire
- Table with built in planter and water feature
- DIY table top of cement with hosta imprints
- Succulent covered bar

ACCENTES AND CONTAINERS

- Garden accents
 - Anchor with plants, complements the landscape
 - Blue orbs compliment cacti and succulents
 - Red votive candle holders overturned among bee balm
 - Rocks on rebar pole
- Planters
 - Container with bird cage filled with plants
 - Water garden with glass orbs and sedges
 - Old bistro table and chairs turned into succulent planter
 - Air plants (*Tillandsia*) on wood
 - Old picture frame with plant filled container
 - Picture frame turned green wall
 - Assorted planters and green walls - Flora Grubb Gardens, San Francisco
- Water
 - Fountains, boulder, leaky containers
 - Plant filled fountain - FL
- Lighting
 - GSC Dahlia Blossom Punched Metal Lantern
 - GSC Dragonfly Solar Lantern
 - Old chandelier becomes outdoor light
 - Lights on arbor by doorway

- Kent Beauty oregano in tea pot planter with votive candles

DESIGN WITH MAINTENANCE IN MIND

- Keep it simple
- Maintain the integrity of your design
 - Right size and shape plant for the space
 - Manageable pruning schedule
 - Generate less plant waste to recycle

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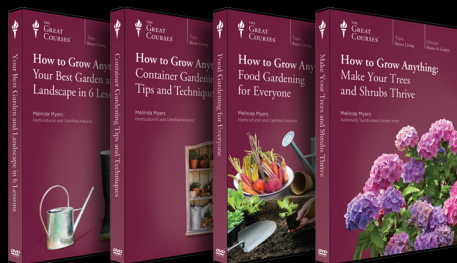
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