

HOW TO PLAN YOUR GARDEN

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Are you thinking about giving your garden a new look? One of the most exciting things about owning a property is deciding how to get the most out of your outdoor space. With the right help, designing your garden can be a fun, enjoyable and affordable project. Here are a few top tips to help you get started.

Decide how you want to use the space.

There are lots of different ways to use a garden and benefit from having an outdoor space. Will your garden mostly be used for activities - like dining, relaxing, and entertaining? Will it be a space that you enjoy with family - with a wide array of outdoor games and play areas? Or will it be a space you use to nurture your hobbies and enjoy nature - with a need for a workshop and storage.

At this first stage, it's important to write down exactly what you want to do in your garden, and consider how much space you want to dedicate to those activities. It will help you get an idea of what kind of layout and features you might need, and how to best use and allocate the space.

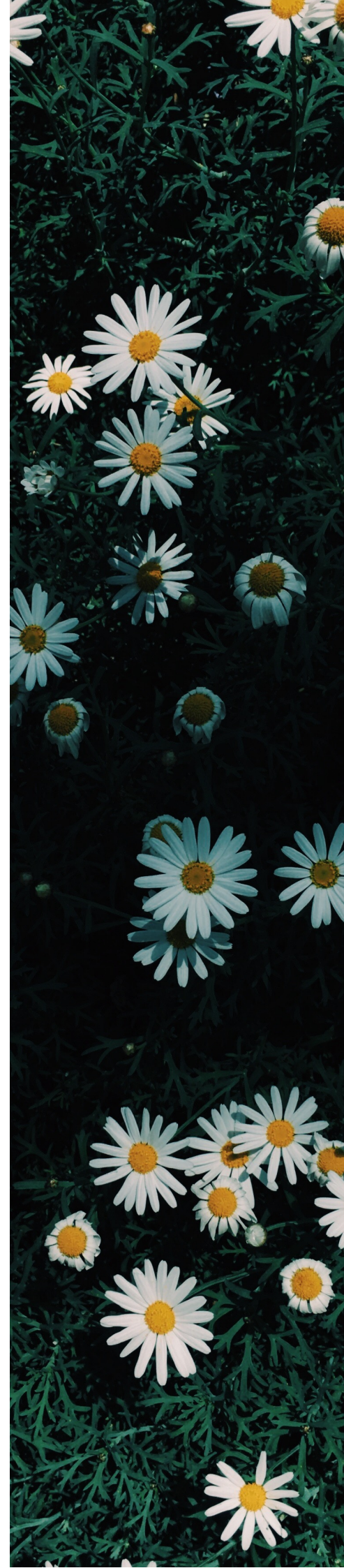
Consider what you want it to look like.

A garden changes with the seasons, and with time, so does its overall look and feel. There are lots of different ways to design a garden and add elements of your own personal style. Do you want a modern or traditional feel? Are there any examples of gardens you have seen that you really like? Will you take inspiration from formal gardens or more relaxed cottage gardens?

At this next stage, it's important to write down exactly what kind of look you want to achieve, and how to create a garden that reflects your personal style. It will help you get an idea of what kind of colours and materials you might want to use and how to best create a garden that feels like a natural extension of your home.

Take the time to evaluate your current garden.

Gardens come in all shapes and sizes. There are lots of things to consider as part of the garden design and landscaping process. For example, what shape and size is your garden?



How good is the soil, and which areas get the most sunlight? Do you have things that need removing, or are you ready to get started?

All of these things can have a big impact on your garden design, and the kind of garden landscaping you're likely to need. At this stage, it's important to start thinking about a more detailed layout and structural plan for your garden. It's also important to start considering the time and budget needed to get from where you are to where you want to be.

Decide on a palette of materials.

If you're looking to add accessibility with paths, or if you're considering adding new elements like pergolas - then it's important to consider the materials you like and want to see in your garden. For example, what materials already exist in your area, and do they complement your property? Do the materials work well together and fit your overall desired style?

At this stage, it's important to consider the more practical elements of garden design. For example, what is your budget and will it cover the materials? Are those materials easily available? Do you have the skills needed to add the elements, or would it be better to hire a professional landscaper? Taking into account these things will make things much easier.

Think about what kinds of plants would suit.

There are lots of options to choose from including flowers, vegetables, shrubs, and trees. When choosing, it's important to consider your lifestyle. For example, do you have a lot of time for gardening? Do you need pet-friendly plants that are safe for outdoor animals? Do you need child-friendly plants that can survive the odd football? And would you like high-growing plants to provide more privacy?

At this stage in the process, it's also important to think about what options would be suitable for your garden. For example, you need to consider how the soil type, climate, wind exposure, and sun exposure will affect each plant, and if it's the right choice for your garden. You also need to consider how well the plants will grow together, what seasons they thrive in, and what they will look like in the years to come.

Final Thoughts

Planning your new garden should be a fun and enjoyable process. There are lots of things to keep in mind - from the elements you want to include, to the time and money you want to spend working on it. If you're unsure how to get the best use out of your space, it can be helpful to talk to a professional garden design and landscaping team.

