
BACK YARD GARDENS:

- paths can run straight or curve out from back door to form spine of a garden
- year round interest is paramount
- best backyards combine inside of house with outside

- broad panels of lawn with beds on either side leading to arbor on line with back door can provide a structure for garden off back of house
- look out back door to see a focal point

- key windows/doors at back house give rise to important path that provides a way out into garden from house, linking the 2
- extend wings of house into the garden

- gardens in an ell
 - outdoor sitting areas in ell feel like outdoor room bc 2 sides of house create walls
 - an arbor over a deck gives deck a more human scale
 - sitting/dining areas set into ell feel snug, intimate
 - trees provide a ceiling for your outdoor room
 - gardens in the ell of a 3 story house need trees

- play spaces for all ages: treehouse, pool, sports, bocce, frisbee