

BOUNDARIES:

-the walls of the garden—natural or manmade

-“lose the boundaries” to make a space feel bigger

borders planted with medium-tall shrubs hide the walls / fences so that the boundary no longer exists – and if there’s no visible boundary your imagination will let you perceive the space as being bigger, not smaller. This can work particularly well if your neighbor (on the other side of the wall/fence) has planting which is taller than your own

-typical boundaries—fences, tree-line, buildings, vines

-ways to lose the boundaries:

- hide the boundary
 - with layers of plants between boundary and path
 - plant in groups rather than straight line
- open up boundary to views beyond space,
 - openings in boundary to capture views beyond
 - trellises along top fence
 - openings between trees to space beyond
 - gate between your space and neighbors that emphasizes space beyond
 - align garden axis to view of mountain peak skyscraper, church steeple, etc
 - mobiles, flags, sculpture to draw eye up to sky
- disorient eyes
 - use of mirrors
 - overload senses with whimsy
 - use of intriguing sculptures, colorful tiles, whimsy brings focus inward so you don't notice boundary

