

SMALL GARDEN DESIGN:

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- make more multifunctional, let circulation be thread that ties parts together
- use simple, bold, well defined shapes for beds and paths
- use fewer types plants, but in larger masses
- chose plants for 4 season interest: color, berries, bark, smell—make 1/3 evergreen
- fit plants to space, smaller scale, narrower plants
- get privacy from vertical elements
- layer plants—bulbs, ground covers, shrubs, vines, open trees
- keep color palette simple
- blend hardscape with house to make space feel bigger
- connect inside floor with outside, windows + doors w minimal frame, and edging
- use elevation changes for enlarger feeling space
- keep accents to minimum
- use high quality focal pieces
 - small spaces hard to design, every square foot counts. every element has to work with every element.
- coarse leaves foreground, fine at back
- bright color foreground, cool colors back to make space feel larger
- in small gardens, use structures of walls, steps, pools, furniture as dominating structure and let plants be decoration
- limit the number of objects/structures and **scale them up!**
- use illusion to create fake gates, windows, openings
- make 2 or more `rooms out of one space
 - use plants, partial walls, trellises, elevations, raised beds to divide spaces

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This garden is only 20 feet deep from front door to sidewalk—love the seating area. Look how the layers in front create a sense of depth and interest.



