

PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL SMALL VEGGIE PATCH

10 SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKE IT EASY

1. GROW WHAT YOU LIKE TO EAT

Simply put, If no likes beets don't plant them. If everybody likes squash plant a lot.

2. CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLANTS

Look for dwarf or compact varieties. For instance big dwarf and red rocket are compact tomato varieties.

3. USE HIGH-QUALITY SEEDS

You want your seeds to germinate, so don't waste your money or time on poor quality or old seeds. Your garden will thank you at harvest time.

4. PLANT TALL VEGGIES TO THE NORTH

That way they won't shade out shorter plants. That said if you don't have that option try to use them as shade for sun sensitive plants.

5. STAGGER PLANTINGS

You don't want to plant all your peas at once, otherwise they will all come in around the same time! Stagger plantings by a few weeks to keep 'em coming!

6. PLANT IN THE SPACE YOU HAVE

Think in terms of space for veggies instead of space for a garden. You'll be amazed at how many places you can grow food.

7. USE CONTAINERS TO MAXIMIZE SPACE

Lack of yard space is no reason not to grow something. Containers give you a lot of control over growing conditions and locations.

8. PLANT INTENSIVELY

If you live in an area where space is at a premium plant in every available inch of your garden, let no space go to waste. When done correctly, intensive planting can conserve resources and increase yields.

9. GROW VERTICALLY

Grow up not out, use a fence, trellis, or other structure to increase your growing area and your harvest.

10. COMPANION PLANT

Pair up plants that work best together! Certain vegetables make "good" companions when planted together. They deter bugs, add nutrients and generally support each other.

