

Create a Luxurious Setting in Your Garden

With summer just around the corner, it's time to start designing your own unique outdoor garden setting. Having a luxurious outdoor space to relax in will make you feel rejuvenated. It should also be a setting you will be proud to share with family and friends.

You can choose a number of different amenities to help make your garden space as unique as you are. With a little planning and some work, you can transform any area into your own oasis in your backyard.

One of the first things you need to do is plan your space. Where do you want your garden area? How big do you want it to be? If you live in the city where space is limited, you can still have a luxurious garden area, albeit on a smaller scale.

If you have a larger yard, you might want to consider planning your spot away from your house, so you have a special spot to get away from household chores.

Get creative with shapes. Instead of the same old squares and rectangle garden or patio space, why not try a triangle. Start at the outer edge and map it out to come to a particular point. Or, consider an oval or round area.

This can be especially pretty if you plan your seating area in the middle and surround the outer edge with plants and water fountains cascading every several feet. An arch entryway covered with Wisteria plants makes for a Victorian vibe.

After you have planned your size and shape, it's time to get down to what features you want in your garden. Let your creative side drive you. Look through magazines to come up with ideas if need be.

It is easier to maintain plants in planters. If you want a Georgian theme, lovely cement or terra cotta planters make the perfect addition. Different size planters will make your area appear larger. In addition, planting flowers with the same overall hue will give your garden a more put together feel.

A gazebo or bench in the center of your garden area will pull everything together. Make sure there's space enough for your special someone to join you. Alternatively, if you plan to entertain in the space, you need to plan for a table and chairs.

Outdoor water features and bubbling water fountains [make your oasis a relaxing place for you](#) to unwind after a long day, or enjoy a book on a Sunday afternoon. Not only will the sound of water cascading make you feel peaceful, but the appearance will lull you into a state of relaxation and serenity. Water fountains are also a great way to add moisture to the air on hot dry days. Recycling water from the fountains to water your plants also helps the environment.

Creating your own unique garden spot does not have to be expensive or take months to complete. With these easy ideas for you to expand into your own wants and needs, you are sure to come up with the ultimate garden spot. Taking the time to plan will greatly ensure that your garden is exactly the way you want it. Remember, it's your special spot, so make it one you will enjoy many peaceful hours in.

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