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Decorating Your Kitchen Garden

By Susan Wong

It's a fact that fruit, vegetables and herbs are very rewarding to grow. There's an extra special flavor

to produce you've grown yourself. Moreover, the look and taste of fruit and vegetables are even better than those sold in the supermarket. If you add a few decorative herbs to the mix, there's absolutely no reason why your kitchen garden can't look as good visually as your flower garden.

Even though a kitchen garden has a charm all its own, a kitchen garden is going to be very labor-intensive. If you're not into hard, manual work in your garden, a kitchen garden may not be for you. The only way you're going to get bumper crops of the fruit, vegetables and herbs that you grow is by lavishing tender loving care and attention on them.

Starting your growing early can produce a bountiful crop weeks ahead of its normal time, giving you a home-grown harvest at a time when those fruits and vegetables are particularly expensive in the shops.

With a careful planning, you can make your kitchen garden as visually attractive as possible. If space is at a premium you can choose some of the more decorative vegetables and herbs and plant them in your flower beds.

It is better to choose a sunny site in your garden for most herbs and vegetables to do well. If you are growing fruit trees, you should ensure that they do not cast a shadow over the vegetables and herbs.

Please note that although most herbs are leafy and lacking flowers, they will provide greenery in your garden, even in the winter. Just exercise a little thought as to where to place them and think in terms of what your garden will look like in each of the seasons and factor this into your planning.

Different from most plants, herbs will normally do very well when planted in containers, so they are an excellent option even if you don't have much space in your garden. Tall herbs can be planted at the back of a traditional flower garden and low-growing herbs make excellent flower garden borders.

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The normal method of growing vegetables is in regimented rows. If they are kept properly weeded, this can still look good. Again, if you don't have much space, you can still grow a large range of vegetables in containers e.g. peas and potatoes. Some vegetables are even attractive enough to be planted amongst the flowers – but remember that you are going to have gaps once the vegetables are harvested.

Even if you do not have several acres worth of orchard plot, there is a large range of fruit that you can grow. Small apple trees can grow in pots on the patio, you can grow strawberries in containers and there are even certain varieties of cordon-trained apples and pears that can be grown against a garden fence.

Nearly all fruit trees prefer a sunny site. You will certainly suffer from poor crops if you allow frost to damage the blossom on apple and pear trees. Pears are particularly vulnerable because they tend to flower earlier than apple trees. If you don't have space in abundance but still want to try your hand at fruit growing then you should look at planting trained fruit trees such as espaliers, cordons and fans

against a fence or wall. They can look very decorative and take up very little room.

You will enjoy growing and harvesting food for your own kitchen table in from your own kitchen garden. Is this wonderful? You know how your vegetables and fruits are grown without any toxic. Is it a relief for you to know that what you are eating is free from pesticide.

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Country Kitchen Decorating Ideas Are Cozy And Comforting

By Grace P. Fairchild

Country kitchen decorating ideas are for any person who gets pleasure from the warm, earthy feeling of the simplicity of nature. Decorating country kitchen is among the most popular types of interior

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decorating. This is because of the overall feeling of being welcoming and friendly that country kitchen decorating has to offer those who own the kitchen, as well as any guests and visitors.

If you are considering country and kitchen and decorating ideas, then you will need to decide if you're going to be limiting it to your kitchen, or if you'll be spreading it throughout your home. You will also need to look into the ideas and country kitchen and decorating ideas budget that you'll have available to get the job done.

Among the most popular country kitchen ideas are the following:

* Colors - a country style kitchen usually includes fresh, clean, and warm colors. These may include yellows, browns, greens, whites, and pinks, in their medium shades. They can also be accents in the fruits, flowers, vegetables, plants, and other accessories that you can add to your country kitchen decorating idea.

* Furniture - country kitchen decorating ideas usually include furniture in lighter woods, as well as wicker furniture. Floral and gingham patterns flatter the upholstery of chairs and couches well, by either purchasing new furniture or creating slip covers for your existing furniture.

* Flooring - country kitchen decorating means that you'll have natural wood, tile, or flagstone flooring. If these are outside of your budget, an equally appropriate look can be achieved with wall-to-wall carpeting or laminate in the correct light shade. Hooked or braided rugs add an authentic appeal to finish the look.

* Accessories - while decorating country kitchen, the accessories that work best are those that your family enjoys. Photos in wooden frames, paintings of rustic scenes, plants, candles, and lace curtains will all do the trick.

Country kitchens can be a great deal of fun. Just stay open minded, and pick the features that you like the most!

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