

# Landscaping of a Home Garden

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## 1. Definition of Home Garden

The home garden is an area prepared by the glorious arrangement and disposition of ornamental plants by making a pattern to increase the beauty of that area.

## 2. Objectives of Home Garden

1. To increase the beauty of the house
2. For shade and boundary purpose of the house
3. To get flowers, fruits and vegetables
4. To get timber and fire wood

## 3. Benefits of Home Garden

1. It brings pleasure, satisfaction and a sense of achievement
2. It reduces the grocery budget
3. It provides a place for exercising the body
4. It provides valuable time for family interaction
5. Gardeners may participate in the community for social interaction

## 4. Types of Home Garden

**4.1 Formal Home Garden:** A formal home garden should have following features-

1. It is laid out in a symmetrical pattern
2. Everything is laid out in straight lines
3. It is either square or rectangular in shape
4. If divide the garden by drawing a straight line, one part is the mirror image of the other
5. The flower beds and, arrangements of trees and shrubs are always geometrical in shape
6. It is more beautiful to look

**4.2 Informal Home Garden:** Informal home garden represent following features-

1. No recognize size and shape
2. Less beautiful to look
3. The object is laid out in a natural way without following any hard and fast rules
4. Roads and paths are curved, not straight
5. Irregular shape is given to water bodies
6. Flower beds are made of irregular shape

## **5. Basic Principles of a Home Garden**

### **5.1 Background**

Every home garden should have a background. Tall foliage and flowering shrubs can make it.

### **5.2 Color Contrast**

Colors create moods and illusions. Design breaks monotony so variation in form, texture and color should maintain. A green framework holds the garden together and serves as a background for other colors. Greens and grays act as harmonizers between contrasting colors.

### **5.3 Balance**

Balance between different components of garden with respect to size and shape is important. Overcrowding of plants or other garden features should be avoided.

### **5.4 Open Center**

The central area of the garden should be left out, the best way is lawn.

### **5.5 Texture, Pattern and Rhythm**

Design should be artistic. Haphazardly arrangements of the elements distress the beauty. Texture, pattern, and rhythm add layers of richness and interest to a garden. A plant species should not be repeated in a home garden except hedge plants. More species of plants should be planted.

### **5.6 Variety**

It is important to plant various types of plant species.

### **5.7 Simplicity**

Design should be simple.

### **5.8 Easy to Maintain**

The home garden should be prepared as a manner to maintain easily.

### **5.9 Comfortable for Inmates**

The garden should be comfortable for inmates.

## **6. Different Steps of Making a Home Garden**

### **6.1 Planning**

To establish a beautiful home garden at first a plan is essential for planting and improving the garden.

### **6.2 Survey**

After planning of a home garden one should survey the area.

### **6.3 Layout and Design**

Before working in a home garden it is necessary to make a paper drawing.

### **6.4 Area of a Home Garden**

#### **6.4.1 Public Area**

It is most important area or place of a home garden. Public area is the front side of the garden. Important components of public area are- lawn, fountain, flower bed, rose garden and shrubbery.

#### **6.4.2 Private Area**

The back side of a home garden is called private area. It is the working territory of inmates. Important components of private area are- play ground, swimming pool and ladies corner.

#### **6.4.3 Service Area**

It is set upon a corner of the public area. Important components of service area are- kitchen garden, vegetable garden and servant quarter.

### **6.5 Allotment of Space**

To make a home garden one should have a plan for planting in a garden. The ratio of front and background of a standard home garden is 3:2.

### **6.6 Selection of Plants**

- a. Evergreen fruit plants: Mango, Jackfruit, Coconut, Litchi, Tamarind etc.
- b. Ornamental shrubs: Thuja, Croton, Acalypha, Aralia, Mussaenda, Justicia etc.
- c. Ornamental trees: Mast tree, Ficus, Teak, Indian rubber etc.
- d. Flowering climbers: Bougainvillea, Ipomoea, Garlic vine, Passion flower, Bleeding heart, Butterfly pea etc.
- e. Flowering shrubs: Rose, Jasmines, Oleander, Allamanda, China box, China rose, Ixora etc.
- f. Flowering trees: Champas, Peacock flower, Gold Mohur, Camel's foot, Bottle brush, Indian medlar etc.
- g. Plant for kitchen garden: Chilli, Mint, Lettuce, Spinach etc.
- h. Hedge plant:
  - Surrounding the garden: Duranta, Carissa, Gardenia etc.
  - Inside the garden: Duranta, Justicia, Croton, Acalypha etc.

## **6.7 Implementation**

### **6.7.1 Foundation Planting**

Provides adequate plants cover for base of the building. It is not necessary to plant solidly across the foundation.

### **6.7.2 Doorway**

Climbers can be used on gate. Colorful hedge plant can be used on doorway.

### **6.7.3 Arranging Foreground**

Foreground is the entrance of the house. There may be lawn and few flower beds. Nearly all the plants should be limited to foundation and boundaries.

### **6.7.4 Arranging Background**

A house with a background of tree has a much home like effect. Fruit trees are suitable for background.

### **6.7.5 Border and Screen Planting**

Ornamental and green hedge are used for this purpose.

### **6.7.6 Indoor decoration**

It can be done by different kinds of house plants. eg. Alocasia, Anthurium, Caladium etc.