

GARDEN DESIGN

A Common Sense Approach

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THE 5 BASIC GARDEN DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS ARE:

1. PURPOSE

Purpose is your number one consideration in designing a garden. You must ask yourself, “What is the purpose for what I want to do and accomplish”?

- A. It shows who you are, what is important to you & sets the theme you want.
- B. It makes an invitation.
- C. It guides and leads to, through, around or away from something.
- D. It defines areas – play, work, rest, & display areas.
- E. It establishes what is to be serene, contemplative and restorative.
- F. It can have romantic intentions.
- G. It helps us make contact with nature – birds, butterflies, wildlife.

2. PARTITIONING

Partitioning creates rooms, dedicated spaces & “visual pools.”

- A. It organizes your garden and your gardening goals and thoughts.
- B. It creates color and plant “pools”.
- C. It establishes pieces that the brain can process comfortably.

3. FRAMING

Framing identifies and outlines:

- A. a house or structure.
- B. entries / entrances.
- C. a specific area.
- D. an object.
- E. a view.

4. FOCAL POINTS:

- A. focus our attention on one thing at a time.
- B. point to a theme, purpose and what is important.
- C. provide a start point that energizes the imagination of the viewer.

SOME IDEAS FROM OTHER PLACES

5. PLANT SELECTION