

GARDEN DESIGN TIPS

MADE IN THE SHADE PERENNIALS



3 Design Principles;

KEEP IT SIMPLE

For ease of maintenance, as well as visual impact, keep lines of garden simple. Think about mowing patterns, access to hose, soil quality. Use hard edges to define the space, ideally with paths along outside edges to keep lawn grass as far as possible from gardens.

KNOW YOUR CONDITIONS, STAY WITHIN THEM

Pick your battles. Don't try to make things fit into the wrong space. If the window is 4 feet up, plant something that stays under 4 feet. If you are gardening a sloped area, pick plants that are drought tolerant. If you have heavy shade, find plants that like that. Group plants with similar needs; put waterloving plants near each other, within easy reach of the hose.

USE LOTS

For the best visual effect as well as calm, plant several of each variety you pick. Collecting one of everything can be fun, however the final design effect can be caotic. Use something to bring it all together. Nature designs with quantity.