

Garden Design Planning Workbook

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The logo features a green leaf icon above the word "Gardening" in a serif font. Below it, the words "RESPONSIBLY Plant Sure" are written in a smaller, sans-serif font, with "RESPONSIBLY" in all caps and "Plant Sure" in title case.

MY GARDEN DESIGN PLAN



PLAN DETAILS

Date

Street Address

Suburb

Postcode

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

Satellite Aerial View

Insert a screenshot of an aerial view of the property showing a 1-km radius of the surrounding environment (e.g., from Google Maps)

Make notes on any neighbouring vegetation types that could have an impact on your planned garden:

Make notes on any nearby bushland or parkland that could be impacted by your planned garden:

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Describe the predominant soil type of the planting area (e.g., clay, sandy, loam, peat, rock, etc.):

Describe the site aspect (i.e., which direction does it face):

Describe any seasonal impacts that will need to be considered (e.g., frost periods, high temperatures, intense or limited rainfall periods, high winds, coastal spray, etc.):

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GARDEN DESIGN

What style best describes the garden you plan to design (e.g., cottage, native, contemporary, formal, wild, Japanese, tropical, etc.)?

What is the purpose of your garden? What are you hoping to gain by installing it (e.g., aesthetics, environmental benefits, space for relaxation and meditation, shade, attract birds or insects, add value to your property, etc.)?

What are the desired features of your garden (e.g., the different colours, sizes and types of plants, furniture or seating, pathways, edging, etc.)?

Are there any other environmental features you would like to incorporate (e.g., pond, habitat, bird and insect-attracting plants, rainwater tanks, etc.)?

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CERTIFIED GARDENING RESPONSIBLY PLANT LIST

After consulting the **Check Your Choice** search at gardeningresponsibly.org.au, make a list of all the low-risk, Certified Gardening Responsibly plants required for your garden project. Remember to think about putting the right plant in the right place, for the right purpose!

Botanical Name	Common Name	Quantity	Pot Size	Spacing
TREES				
SHRUBS & FEATURE PLANTS				
GROUND COVERS & BORDER PLANTS				

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SUPPLIERS TO CONTACT

Using **Find a Supplier** at gardeningresponsibly.org.au/find-a-supplier, make a note of the suppliers of low-risk plants near you to contact:

GARDEN MAINTAINENCE

What are the ways you will maintain your garden to ensure your plants are healthy and beautiful, and also stay in place? Some ideas include — edging along garden beds, mulching regularly, pruning excessive growth and keeping vigorous plants in pots.

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GARDEN SKETCH

On the next page we have provided a space for you to bring all your planning together into a design sketch!

1. Start by sketching the boundaries of the garden space (as accurately and to scale as possible)
2. Next, insert any existing features that will remain in the garden, followed by any additional design or environmental features
3. Then add your indicative plantings using your plant list from the previous page. Remember to consider water access, soil type and spacing — always plant the right plant, in the right place, for the right purpose!

Note: If you want to take your design to the next level, why not experiment with a free, online garden design tool?

Check out:

myGarden by Gardena
gardena.com/uk/garden-life/garden-planner/

Plan-A-Garden by Better Homes & Gardens
bhg.com/gardening/design/nature-lovers/welcome-to-plan-a-garden/



MY GARDEN SKETCH

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:

- North point
- Boundaries
- Scale
- Water points
- Indicative plantings
- Other design/environmental features

