



Planting Paradise



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Following is a general timetable of the topics we will cover over the next 4 weeks.

- **Week 1**
 - Introductions
 - Map out spacing and location
- **Week 2**
 - Garden Styles
 - Creating Structure
- **Week 3**
 - Colour
 - Perennials and Roses
- **Week 4**
 - Garden Tips
 - Sharing Ideas



Step to a Fantastic Garden

- Set a Goal
- Establish a Budget
- Consider about Maintenance
- Assess the site
- Make a Scale Drawing
- Make a Plant List
- Choose and Place a Focal Point
- Frame the Focal Point
- Build on the basic Plan
- Outline the Garden
- Adjust before Planting



Set Goals

- Why do you want a garden???
 - List some of your reasons
- Examples:
 - To create interest
 - Define Space
 - Attract birds, butterflies
 - Because grass won't grow
 - Increase property values

HOW WILL YOU USE YOUR GARDEN?



■ **Do You need:**

- Comfy seating?
- Barbecue?
- Playground - Swing set?
- Storage - Lawn mowers and tools?
- Gardens – vegetable, herb or flower?
- Are walls needed – hedges and or fences?
- Trellis, and screens?
- Floors – carpet of lawn or paving or decking?
- Overall Décor – furniture and plants?



Establish a Budget

- Spending not just Money , but time
- Over 1 year, 2 or even 5 years



Think about Maintenance

- Hours spent working in the garden
- Experience level
- No-Maintenance garden = silk flowers but rather a low maintenance



Assess the Site

- What can we change?
- What can't we move?
- What do we want to keep?
- What are the deal breakers?



Scale Drawings

- Using Graph paper start locating all the things that we can't move or change
- I use 1 foot equals 1 square on the graph paper



Sketch your yard to scale.

- **Including:**
 - **Property lines**
 - **House**
 - **Decks/patios**
 - **Driveway**
 - **Sidewalks**
 - **Any plant material you wish to keep**
 - **Large trees on neighbouring property**
 - **Anything else that you may feel is important**

WHEN DESIGNING DON'T

FORGET:

- **LIGHT**
- **SLOPE**
- **SOIL**
- **SIZE AND SHAPE OF PROPERTY**
- **SCALE AND PROPORTION**
- **VIEWS**
- **STORAGE**
- **STYLE**
- **FOCAL POINTS**
- **COLOUR**







