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## Q&A



### What to know when growing tomatoes

How can I tell whether my tomatoes are ready to pot on?

**Jon, Bromley, Kent**  
As soon as the roots become visible through the drainage hole of your seedling tray, it's time for them to be potted on. Tomato seedlings need plenty of food and space - give them a few more centimetres each time. While potting on, pinch off low-growing seed leaves which may rot in damp soil.



### Leaf it out! How to protect your pond

Is there a way I can prevent my pond from filling up with leaves?

**Marlene, via email**  
Scoop out any debris that has fallen into your pond so it doesn't reduce light levels. Any mush at the bottom can be dug into the garden for nutrients. Netting placed over ponds during autumn will help catch debris but should always be removed in spring to give pondlife access.

## TIP of the week

Lycopene from tomatoes may actually help protect your skin from sun damage - so grow and eat lots!

## GET IN TOUCH

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You can still think big - even if you have a tiny garden... try these inexpensive handy hacks to make the most out of your outdoor space

Having limited garden space needn't hold you back - there are so many tricks you can use to tackle tiny spots.

Everyone can tap into an abundance of gardening greatness, even if your home only has a balcony, courtyard, corner or wall to hand.

### Modest design

Many of us wish we could do more with our garden space, and design is key when you're hoping to maximise the green space you've got.

It's all about working around obstacles and highlighting the best bits. Urban plots may suffer from noise pollution, but they also tend to be warmer, protected microclimates so give you the opportunity to grow more tender vegetation.

In short, take the best of what you've got and focus on that.

A small garden can still have big interest. Even the most modest of garden setups can be laid out in a way that really makes use of the area.

Built-in storage and seating is the best way to find functionality alongside form, and both are vital to create a useable garden space.

Colourful statement pots will cheer up any dark areas

Stick with neutral tones so that your field of view isn't distracted by a large number of busy tones or contrasting colours.

As well as interest, add in some negative space (unoccupied areas) like a small lawn, plain paving or bare wall. But be sure to avoid clutter.

Instead of using lots of detailed decoration here, there and everywhere, opt for clean lines and surfaces.

Too many boundaries limit the space. Remove growth that boxes you in and extend the view where possible. Use mirrors or murals, if needed.

### Greater heights

Think of your garden like an open box. Fold down the sides to see how much more space you can use with vertical gardening.

Where possible, restrict growing above head height so the space doesn't feel too crowded.

Climbers provide really great vertical growth. They add in some interest but don't overtake the space.

Clematis 'Frances Rivis' and Trachelospermum (star jasmine) can offer interest in the form of small ornamental foliage, while the Hedera helix 'Cerdidwen' variety has leaves



# Small talk

GROW UP Vertical planting adds interest to small gardens

that display green and buttery cream shades instead of blanket colour.

As well as decorative climbers, consider planting some productive crops like cucumbers, climbing beans, peas and vine tomato. These look really striking and deliver fresh harvests throughout the season.

Alternatively, go for trees trained against walls, like fan cherries, espalier apples or cordon pear speci-

mens. With limited space, you add height using raised beds - these offer more planting space because the soil is mounded in an arc.

### Turn a corner

Most gardens have a disused corner that houses the odds and ends we can't find a place for, but this can look really insightfully in small spaces.

Typically, it happens because the

corner doesn't receive a lot of direct sunlight so is disregarded as useful growing space. But you can utilise shady parts of your plot effectively if you incorporate the right plants.

In dark areas, colour can be used to lift the look of it. Add in perky pastel shelving to corners or a statement pot or planter to bring some cheer.

Couple this with Heuchera and spectacular Dicentra spectabilis

(bleeding heart) for something to brighten any barren spots.

Using every available space like this will really pack petite plots to the maximum and make them feel like they are twice the size.

### Sorted structure

One of the things we tend to avoid when space is at a premium is structure. The concern is that bringing

structure into a limited area will restrict it, but this isn't the case.

Done right, hidden areas and cosy hideaways work really well and, as little gardens tend to be overlooked, you instantly add privacy too.

Go for partially-screened options instead of block surfaces if you're worried about losing light - try ornamental grasses, hedging or interwoven wooden partitions.

Trees give gardens structure too and offer naturally dappled views through the canopy. Though trees may not be the first choice when plot size is an issue, one tree can make your garden look well-established.

You can buy dwarf, compact or columnar cultivars to make sure it fits - Prunus 'Amanogawa', Salix caprea 'Pendula' and Acer palmatum 'Dissectum' are all suitable.

There's so much to be gained by having a tree because it attracts wildlife, protects from wind in winter and provides shade during summer.

Follow these garden hacks and you'll find they're all you need to make a small garden a success.

## School teaches pupils how to grow their own

INSPIRING Raised bed at Dallington Primary School



From small things come great things - as Dallington Primary School near Heathfield, East Sussex, can prove.

Seven years ago, it was awarded a grant that was used to build a raised bed to grow fruit and vegetables.

Head of School, Paul Cox, said: "Although we are a rural school, it was shocking that so many of our children thought food came from Tesco.

"We knew then that we needed to show the kids how easy it is to grow their own food." With the help of

parent volunteers, the school has since added two wild gardens, a small wooded area, a willow dome and environmental and sensory gardens.

Anything that isn't used or eaten by the Dallington pupils is sold to parents at a discounted price.

The money is then used to buy more seeds for the garden, which will be entering the 2020 Cultivation

Street competition. This year, there are £13,000 of prizes up for grabs in the contest, which aims to show how inspiring home-grown produce can be.

Find out more at [cultivationstreet.com](http://cultivationstreet.com) where you can also register for the 2020 competition, sponsored by Miracle-Gro.

All entrants will receive a free digital starter pack.



## GADGET



This Kent & Stowe stainless steel hand trowel is perfect for use in smaller gardens.

It's great for planting bulbs, seedlings and bedding plants, clearing beds (or gutters) and general garden work.

The handle is made from Forest Stewardship Council approved ash wood and is contoured for a comfortable grip. Get one for £4.93 at [uktoolcentre.co.uk](http://uktoolcentre.co.uk)