



Many gardeners have limited space but would like a garden that mimics a natural landscape or perhaps that looks like cottage gardens of old. There are a few tricks that can help create a garden in a limited space:

- Select small plants or dwarf varieties of favourite species
- Repeat plants in odd numbers of 3, 5 or 7 to tie the design together.
- Make careful use of foliage colour and texture to provide interest when plants are not flowering.
- Plant close, but regularly prune. Take off low foliage to create tree look-alikes, or prune down to limit height and create dense growth.
- Use gravel, pine bark or small stepping stones to create a sense of moving through the space.
- Select a feature, either a bird bath, small seat or piece of garden art.
- Consider a waterproof mirror, or shiny stainless steel surface to create an illusion of space.

Ground Covers

- *Brachyscome multifida* sp.
- *Dampiera diversifolia*
- *Goodenia hederaceae*
- *Grevillea 'Gingin Gem'*
- *Hemiandra pungens*
- *Hibbertia obtusifolia*
- *Myoporum parvifolium*
- *Pultenia penduncularis*
- *Scaevola* sp. like 'Purple Fanfare' or 'Crinkle Cut'

Tufty Plants

- *Conostylis candicans*
- *Dianella 'Little Rev'*
- *Lomandra 'Tanika'*
- *Orthrosanthos multiflorus*
- *Patersonia occidentalis*
- *Thysanotis multiflorus*



Small Shrubs

- *Acacia drummondii*
- *Adenanthos cuneatus*
- *Anigozanthos* dwarf varieties like 'Bush Pearl'
- *Baeckea 'Miniature'*
- *Banksia blechnifolia*
- *Banksia 'Birthday Candles'*
- *Callistemon 'Little John'*
- *Chorizema cordatum*
- *Correa 'Dusky Bells' and others*
- *Crocea 'Festival'*
- *Dryandra lindleyana*
- *Grevillea 'Gilt Dragon'*
- *Grevillea 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'*
- *Grevillea 'Pink Midget'*
- *Pimelea ferruginea*
- *Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade'*
- *Leucophyta brownii*
- *Philotheca 'Cascade of Stars'*
- *Verticordia plumosa* or *chrysantha*
- *Westringia 'Jervis Gem'*

Small Trees (shape and prune)

- *Agonis 'Burgandy'*
- *Grevillea tropical hybrids* like 'Honey Gem'
- *Eucalyptus forrestiana*
- *Eucalyptus preissiana*