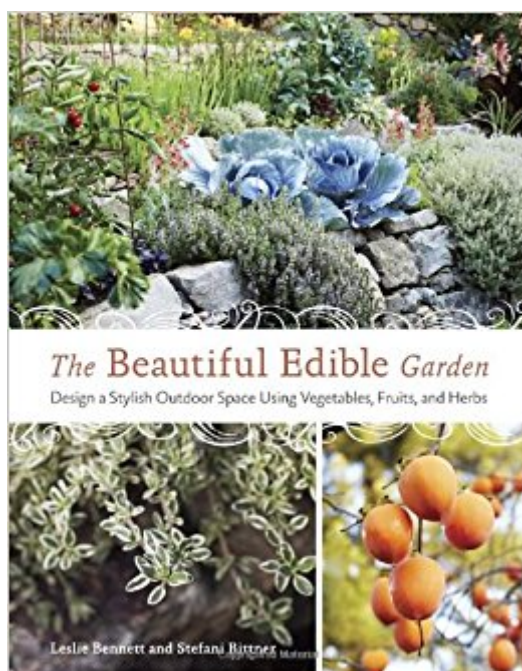


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# The Beautiful Edible Garden: Design A Stylish Outdoor Space Using Vegetables, Fruits, And Herbs



## Synopsis

One of 's Best Garden Books of 2013. From the founders of landscape design firm Star Apple Edible & Fine Gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area comes a stylish, beautifully-photographed guide to artfully incorporating organic vegetables, fruits, and herbs into an attractive modern garden design. We've all seen the vegetable garden overflowing with corn, tomatoes, and zucchini that looks good for a short time, but then quickly turns straggly and unattractive (usually right before friends show up for a backyard barbecue). If you want to grow food but you don't want your yard to look like a farm, what can you do? The Beautiful Edible Garden shares how to not only grow organic fruits and vegetables, but also make your garden a place of year-round beauty that is appealing, enjoyable, and fits your personal style. Written by a landscape design team that specializes in artfully blending edibles and ornamentals together, The Beautiful Edible Garden shows that it's possible for gardeners of all levels to reap the best of both worlds. Featuring a fresh approach to garden design, glorious photographs, and ideas for a range of spaces--from large yards to tiny patios--this guide is perfect for anyone who wants a gorgeous and productive garden.

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"The Beautiful Edible Garden combines aesthetic sensibility and literally down-to-earth pragmatism with insight and ingenuity. Who knew that a plot full of weeds and scrubby trees could so readily be transformed into a garden of earthly delights just a few steps away from the kitchen, and just a few more easy and thoughtful steps away from an arrangement for the dining room? Whether your yard

is big or small, out back or in front, or limited to a few containers on a balcony, you can "pursue food production and beauty together" — Joanna Brichetto, Book Pages — "The Beautiful Edible Garden" combines several different tactics for encouraging readers to create gardens they can quite literally eat ... My favorite (and clearly dog-eared) discovery were these persimmon trees.... Another tactic utilized by authors Bittner and Bennett is the introduction of gorgeous flower arrangements and displays by Studio Choo. Full of (you guessed it!) edible components, the arrangements are simply divine and inspired me to get outside, break out the clippers and get to arranging again." — Amy Renea, A Nest for All Seasons "A newly published book by authors who live in the San Francisco Bay Area reminded me that plenty of food-producing plants have beautiful, luxuriant foliage -- and flowers -- to contribute beauty. If you don't have room to plant and grow a real crop, then why not plant a border of leaf lettuces or curly parsley plants; place chard or mustard in the middle of an ornamental bed?" -- Dallas Morning News "Now, the best advice from this design duo has been folded into a book that provides a good primer for making your vegetable garden as beautiful as it is productive. The Beautiful Edible Garden focuses on how to implement simple principles of basic garden design for success at both growing the food you want for your table and enjoying the aesthetic pleasures of bringing it there." -- Cheryl Koehler, Edible East Bay — A fresh, modern approach to edible landscaping, Stefani and Leslie's creative ideas and beautiful designs are inspiration for novice and master gardeners alike. — Rosalind Creasy, author of Edible Landscaping — "This thoughtful, refreshing design guide deserves a spot on every gardener's bookshelf! Filled with real-life examples, the book definitively shows that growing food and creating beautiful, livable outdoor spaces are not mutually exclusive. Reading The Beautiful Edible Garden is akin to working alongside Leslie and Stefani in your garden — their practical, friendly advice provides an easy-to-follow framework for transforming average yards into functional, productive, and above all, lovely gardens. — Willi Galloway, author of Grow Cook Eat: A Food Lover's Guide to Vegetable Gardening

LESLIE BENNETT and STEFANI BITTNER are co-founders of Star Apple Edible + Fine Gardening, a San Francisco Bay Area landscape design firm focusing on aesthetic edible gardening. At Star Apple, they bring together ecologically sound landscape design principles and small-scale urban agriculture, working with both ornamental and edible plants to create integrated landscapes. Visit [www.StarAppleEdibleGardens.com](http://www.StarAppleEdibleGardens.com).

Ms. Bennett shows that an edible landscape can not only be beautiful, but it can provide a

significant amount of food. Food that you KNOW. You know if pesticides were used. You know if the seed was GMO. You know enough to have confidence in what you are eating. Something I believe we are missing at the grocery store. Very beneficial.

This book is more than informational--it is a landscape design 101 course. The authors are obviously skilled designers with vast knowledge of what works where. They also have the ability to communicate this in a way that anyone can understand. This is an important book, because you learn that you can incorporate edibles with your ornamentals for an aesthetically pleasing garden, as well as a useful one. There are also loads of beautiful photos and resource lists. Thanks for such a great resource!

Very nice gardening book with pictures on almost every page which can be expanded on the Kindle fire this is a very Fire friendly ebook as well as having a wide range of beautiful edible garden ideas.

I volunteer for a food bank garden and this book has given me even more great ideas to share with the food bank clients as well as for use in my own kitchen.

So many great ideas - only wish there was more direct "how to." However, it has given me design direction, which is really what I wanted anyway.

Wonderful book- I only wished that my gardens looked as neat and professional as the ones photographed in this great book!

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This has given me some good ideas for my small yard and shown me some great non traditional ways to incorporate veggies and flowers in the same space

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