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Vertical Gardening: Grow Up, Not Out, For More Vegetables And Flowers In Much Less Space





Synopsis

The biggest mistake gardeners make each season is starting out too big and then quickly realizingtheir large plot requires too much weeding, watering, and backbreaking labor. Vertical gardening guarantees a better outcome from the day the trowel hits the soilâ •by shrinking the amount of "floor" space needed and focusing on climbing plants that are less prone to insects, diseases, and animal pests.Notable author and gardener Derek Fell has tried and tested thousands of varieties of vegetables,flowers, and fruits and recommends the best plants for space-saving vertical gardening. His grow-up,grow-down system also shows which ground-level plants make good companions underneath and alongside climbing plants. Best of all, many of Fell's greatest climbers and mutually beneficial plants are available in seed packets in every local garden center. With a mix of DIY and commercially available string supports, trellises, pergolas, raised beds, skyscraper gardens, and topsy-turvy planters, the vertical garden system reduces work, increases yields, makes harvesting easier, and can be practiced in spaces as small as a container or a one-by-four-foot strip. Vertical Gardening features 100 color photos of the author's own vertical methods and showcases beautiful, troublefree perennials, shrubs, vegetables, annuals, and fruit perfect for this new, rewarding way to garden.

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Customer Reviews

DEREK FELL is a writer and photographer. His garden, art, and travel books have more than 2.5 million copies in print, and his photo library numbers more than 150,000 images. He lives in Bucks

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Howdy, I garden..too much some say... close to 2 acres of intensive vegetable beds in Vietnam, so I'm always growing 12 months a yearl own just about every gardening book sells, Most books are good for a few Ideas and that's finebut this book goes into great detail on vertical gardening with some very thorough explanations for vegetables and flowers and many different ways to go about it.He also gives an honest interpretation of heirlooms and hybrids seeds, I love heirlooms but hybrids get an unnecessary bad rap these days from misinformation.the author clears that up nicely, he also mentions some varieties that have worked very well for him(Always appreciated)That along with a new Compost tea recipe that I've never seen anywhere else and won't have you going nuts trying to find the ingredients as well as Some very Good and NEW info makes this an easy 5 stars, I'll be changing existing beds and putting up new vertical Beds from the info provided in this book.

I sometimes am limited to space when gardening. I was amazed at how many things can grow vertically. This book is very educational and I am glad that I purchased it to add to my collection.

LOVE THIS!!!!! I am combining several ideas in gardening since I have very limited sunlight due to trees. I am even growing a vertical garden in an old cooler on my patio. I can pull it up close to the house if bad weather is coming or out of the way if bbq-ing. It seems easier to keep the animals off, is a little better to see what is growing, can watch for bugs better, seems like it will be easier to harvest and save my back from bending over so far. I have even incorporated an old metal box springs off my grandmothers bed. I place next to the fence and used t-post and straps to hold upright. On the top I planted flowers in pots. I have tied my beans and squash with different colored yarn to keep them growing in there own spot and have stick pinwheels in the sides and shny things in the trees close by. This does seem to be helping with the birds. I didn't mind at first but then the birds started pecking at the produce. Lots of great Ideas!!!!!

Describes where the author started, what he does at his own farm, what items to use to grow vertical, limitations and pros of vertical gardening, and there a pictures from his own garden as examples. I'm still finishing it up in my spare time. Haven't started my garden yet. It is still frost season.

It's a pretty good book. Well written, fairly comprehensive, stirring a good imagination. As a first book on the topic, well worth while. Vegetable choices are very specific and with the rise of heirloom varieties many are making a comeback. Update: The more times I refer to this the more my appreciation grows for the hidden tips and nuances of Mr. Fell. I think he must be a humble man because such items are casually dropped within a paragraph where they ought to be headlining. If you have this one, keep reading and referring to it. I think your appreciation of it will continue to grow.

An eye opening book. I have taken it to heart and planted our garden accordingly. Still early days yet,but I think it's going to be very successful. I may have planted the tomatoes a little too far from the mesh wall, they might have to be lead over. Spinach and cucumbers are planted closer, so they should be okay. I'm a little curious about the acorn squash and how far it can climb.

I love this book! So many great ideas for an efficient and productive garden. I was worried the book would say "beans are great climbing plants" and then not give you anymore information. Not this book, The author also reviews different types of plant varieties and gives you suggestions. He discusses methods he has tried and his failures or successes with them. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is just starting gardening or an expert and everyone in between. It doesn't matter if you have acres to garden or just a 5' by 5' space. You can learn how to make it work!

It is somewhat difficult for me to think of growing food vertically for some reason. What no hills/mounds for those vines that produce squashes and melons? Grow them vertically and secure with panty hose? Actually having the vegetables off the ground just might reduce insect problems. My biggest problem is that the house I bought has rock instead of a lawn which is typical for New Mexico. Clearing the rocks and prepping the soil for a vertical garden (and also using self-watering containers) is more efficient. I am glad I purchased this book.

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