Gardening Resources For Adults

**Vegetable Gardening**

*Smart Start Garden Planner by Megan Cain, 2017.*
This workbook guides you through strategically determining what you want to grow, how to choose the best varieties for your garden, and creating a planting schedule.


Advice for planting and maintaining fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Features characteristics of available varieties, as well as recipes for dishes from the garden.

*One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening by Lolo Houbein, 2016.*
Gardening wisdom on how to coax an abundance of organic food from a plot that is just 3 feet square, including sustainable and cost-effective techniques.

*Salad Leaves for All Seasons by Charles Dowding, 2008.*
Compendium of practical methods for growing a variety of salads throughout the year, whether on a windowsill, in your garden, or on your allotment.

**Flower Gardening**

*Growing Plants and Flowers by Allison McManus & Sean McManus, 2021.*
All the know-how you need to plant and tend outdoor areas using eco-friendly methods. Aimed at beginner gardeners and presented in a friendly and accessible way.

*Floratopia by Jan Johnsen, 2021.*
Beautiful flower varieties, ideas for designing a gorgeous flower space, and instructions for planting and maintaining flowers that are ideal for your zone, climate, and garden layout.

Highlighting top picks for plants that will thrive in (or in spite of) the area’s tough winters and other unique growing conditions.

*Perennials for Minnesota and Wisconsin by Don Engebretson & Don Williamson, 2004.*
With detailed accounts of 86 different perennials, along with information on recommended varieties and cultivars, this handy book takes the guesswork out of perennial gardening.

**Multi-topic Gardening**

*Wisconsin Garden Guide by Jerry Minnich, 2010.*
The complete guide to vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruits, nuts, lawn landscaping, and indoor gardening in Wisconsin.

*The Backyard Gardener by Kelly Orzel, 2017.*
Focusing on sustainable, organic growing practices and plants. A comprehensive handbook for everyone who wants to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers in their own backyard.

**Raised Bed & Straw Bale Gardening**

*Raised-Bed Gardening for Beginners by Tammy Wylie, 2019.*
A complete primer, this book covers building your bed, selecting the right plants, and more.

*Straw Bale Gardens Complete by Joel Karsten, 2019.*
Contains detailed, start-to-finish instructions for growing vegetables in straw bales anywhere.
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Seed Saving
Straightforward instruction on collecting seed that is true-to-type and ready for sowing in next year’s garden.

Herb Gardening
Your Indoor Herb Garden by D.J. Herda, 2020.
A comprehensive guide to the techniques and equipment for successfully growing culinary and medicinal herbs indoors.

Offers all the info needed to grow fresh herbs on balconies, patios, rooftops, decks, and even on the kitchen counter.

Grow Your Own Herbs by Susan Belsinger, 2019.
Shares how to grow and use forty important culinary herbs, including basic gardening information, tasting notes, harvesting tips, and instructions for preserving, storing, and cooking.

The Cook’s Herb Garden by Jeff Cox, 2010.
From your garden to your table, and every step in between, this lovely book will guide you through planting, growing, harvesting, and cooking herbs. Contains descriptions of 120 culinary herbs.

Composting & Soil
Compost by Clare Foster, 2014.
This hands-on guide shows you how to build a compost box, select the best ingredients and put the resulting organic compost to use in your outdoor space.

Presents the science of soil health and shares techniques - including cover crops, constant mulching, and compost tea - to create and maintain rich, dark, crumbly soil that teems with life.

Worms Eat My Garbage by Mary Appelhof, 2017.
Guide to vermicomposting: using worms to recycle food waste into fertilizer for houseplants or gardens. A great option for anyone who doesn’t want or can’t have an outdoor compost pile.

Container, Small Space, & Indoor Gardening
Learn how to grow vegetables inside your own home, where you won’t have to worry about season changes or weather conditions.

Inspiration and practical solutions for taking advantage of every square inch of a small space — including shady corners, on rooftops, around doorways, and in the cracks of pavement.

Forty-one step-by-step projects for creative and sustainable container gardens, covering a range of different planting schemes and types of container.

Covering a broad array of landscape plants, including edibles, flowering and fruiting trees and shrubs, evergreens, and perennials.

Showcases the almost endless possibilities of growing produce in pots. Packed with creative ideas and easy-to-follow techniques.