



Landscape Design

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What type of garden are you envisioning? Take a look below at some garden style descriptions to get you going. Take notes... What in each description appeals to you? What doesn't? Your garden doesn't have to include all the items listed in a style; these are just to give you a starting point.

And it's OK to mix and match items between categories. That's a style, too!

MEDITERRANEAN

- olive trees, rosemary, lavender, herbs
- gray green plants
- Italian tile accent

SOUTH WEST / MEXICAN INFLUENCE

- cactus, succulents, bougainvillea
- gray green plants
- flagstone, adobe tile, gravel
- bright colors

ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN

- roses, lavender, lots and lots of flowers
- white picket fences and arbors, old-fashioned

JAPANESE

- maple trees, bamboo, azaleas, rhododendrons, ferns
- quiet, calm

TROPICAL

- lush looking, deep greens
- banana plants, cannas, palms, tropical vines
- hot colors

MODERN / CONTEMPORARY

- structured, dramatic, clean lines
- "sculptural" greenery like Phormium (New Zealand flax) and
- geometric shapes

SOME ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Do you like plants/landscape to be contained and formal looking (e.g., compact or clipped bushes) or wilder looking?
- What colors do you want in your yard?
- What colors do you absolutely not want?
- Do you want the garden to feel restful or exciting?
- Any plants you know you want? Any you know you DON'T?

INTERACTIVE SURVEY

You may also want to take the interactive design survey available at the Monrovia.com site, to help you hone your garden vision.

http://www.monrovia.com/inspiration/style/whats_your_style.php