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EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

URBAN FOOD GARDENS THAT LOOK GREAT

THE GOURMET GARDEN KITCHEN

Not so long ago, outdoor cooking meant a tiny backyard grill and harried trips to and from the kitchen, with dinner served on a wobbly plastic table.

Today, people increasingly see gardens as extensions of their indoor spaces. Manufacturers have responded by providing an array of outdoor kitchen appliances ranging from the simple barbecue to large-capacity grills. And for the gourmet there are sinks, cabinetry and wine fridges for the ultimate in convenience and climate control. Outdoor furniture has also taken a giant leap from the rickety picnic table to high-end dining- and living-room sets. Combine all this with an edible landscape and you have the makings of the ultimate gourmet garden.



These flowers present a wide array of colors, and the yellow, orange, and red flowers are the most common. The flowers are usually 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

How to Grow Yellow Flowers

Yellow flowers are a great addition to any garden. They are easy to grow and come in many colors. The most common yellow flowers are daisies, sunflowers, and marigolds.

Soil

Yellow flowers grow best in a well-drained soil. They are not too picky when it comes to soil, but they do like a soil that is rich in organic matter. A soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0 is ideal. Yellow flowers also like a soil that is rich in nitrogen. You can add a layer of compost or a slow-release fertilizer to your soil to provide the plants with the nutrients they need.

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an outdoor kitchen space) allows the same work-together principle to be used indoors.



Lighting of plants and steps is essential when approaching vegetation.

The word of caution: too white-grape varieties are too fine and grapes may permanently stain your flooring and equipment.

A simple large-framing tree can also act as an "organic umbrella." Opt for broader branching varieties to create an overhead ceiling. Hang outdoor chandeliers, lanterns or numerous strings of lights in the branches for overhead lighting.

ADJACENT SPACES

An outdoor seating is often a communal experience; you should allocate more space within that zone. In my household, the party always ends up in the kitchen, therefore adjacent casual seating is a must. Dining, lounging, cooking and pool areas often occur. Think of these as outdoor rooms and consider the flow of traffic between them as you develop a design.

COMFORT AND SEATING

While you don't want to make the outdoor feel just like the beach, you do want to be comfortable and for cold evenings look for a portable propane patio heater. Energy-efficient overhead heaters such as infrared quartz units add instantaneous heat with modest electrical output. If your space is fairly small and enclosed from the wind, covering the grill can do a

lot to make things comfortable. A large, also often, warm and creates a cozy illuminated area to extend your entertaining space. Natural gas patio heaters can be used effectively under covers and pergolas while portable propane heaters are a good solution for more modest budgets. Radiant heat under the patio and coverings has been used in outdoor kitchens where safety is no object.

LIGHTING

Most likely your entertaining will carry over into the evening hours. Providing adequate task lighting in an outdoor kitchen can be quite a challenge. Integrate lighting into overhead structures or join coverings to keep the kitchen working area dark. Provide ambient lighting for the dining area as well. Lighting on patios and steps for safety is also a must.

Tip: For an easy garnish touch, plant and serve water-billy vegetables. As nutritious as hot green vegetables they offer a more succulent and delicate taste. They popular with chefs are bitter melon, beans, soy leaf lettuce and many varieties with flowers left attached.



Living walls and water-billy vegetables add to the outdoor kitchen with top-quality lighting makes a difference and night beautiful outdoor space.