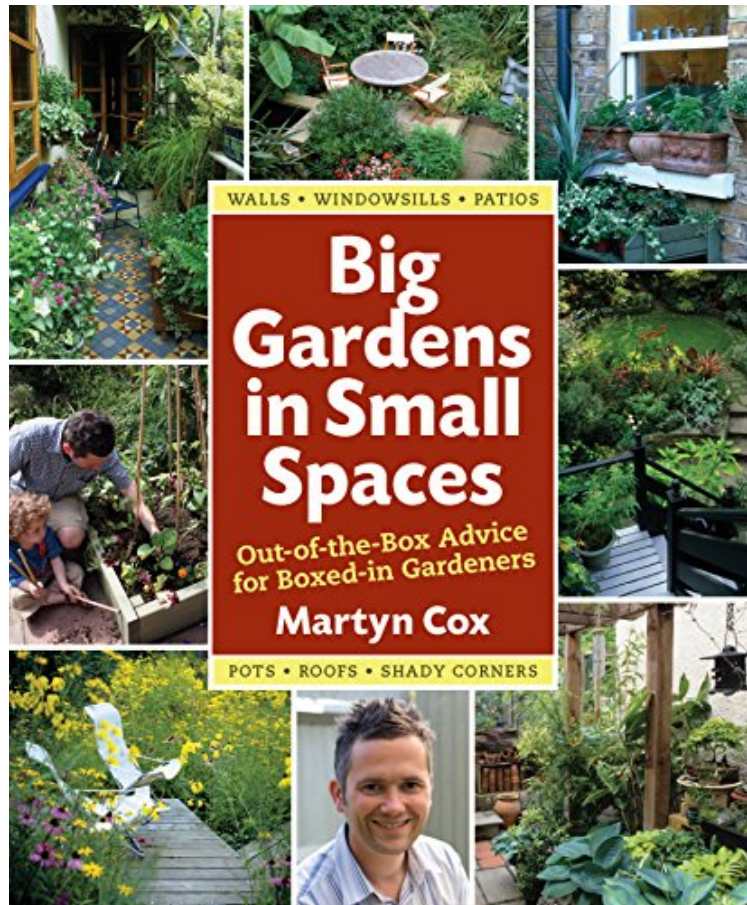


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restricted in space.

At last count, Martyn Cox had more than 250 different plants growing in his 600-square-foot garden in London. He knows from experience that you don't need a lot of space to have an exuberant garden. *Big Gardens in Small Spaces* provides boundless inspiration and ingeniously practical solutions for taking advantage of every square inch of a small space -- including gardening in shady corners, on rooftops, around doorways, and in the cracks of pavement. His ideas are stunningly simple to follow: squeeze as many plants as you can into your garden by any means possible; grow your own fruit, vegetables and herbs; seek out rare, unusual and bizarre plants; don't pay for something you can make or do yourself; learn from nature; welcome change, and most of all enjoy the garden. The happy results? Apparently unuseable spaces become home to myriad plants. Sempervivums and aeoniums nestle in wall crevices, hardy annuals bloom between slabs of pavement, and a grapevine climbs around the back door. Carefully chosen larger plants like bananas, bamboos, and trees find themselves entirely at home. Cox also recommends fruit trees, herbs, and vegetables. There are many books on small gardens, but they tend to focus on design at the expense of the plants. *Big Gardens in Small Spaces* proves this doesn't have to be the case: Follow the advice and a small garden full of healthy, happy plants will be yours.

"A list of resources and an index round out this easy-to-use, hands-on practical guide enthusiastically recommended for any gardener who is necessarily restricted in space." About the Author Martyn Cox trained in horticulture at Writtle College, Essex, and has many years' practical gardening experience. He is the former features editor of *BBC Gardeners' World Magazine*, deputy editor of award-winning *Gardenlife* and was on the editorial teams at *Amateur Gardening* and *Horticulture Week*. Now freelance, he writes a weekly gardening column in *The Mail on Sunday*, and monthly for *Saga Magazine*, saga.co.uk and *Grow It*. Martyn contributes regularly for many other titles, including *The Guardian*, *Grand Designs*, *The English Garden*, *Sainsbury's Magazine* and *The Times Magazine*. He is a member of the Garden Media Guild committee and was consultant editor to Sir Terence Conran on his book *Outdoors*. Martyn Cox is author of *RHS Wildlife Garden* (Dorling Kindersley 2009), *101 Ideas for Small Gardens* (BBC Books 2009), *Gardening with Kids* (Ryland, Peters and Small 2008) and *101 Plants for Problem Places* (BBC Books 2008). He was a contributor to *RHS New Encyclopaedia of Gardening Techniques* (Mitchell Beazley 2008). Martyn has a small, plant-packed garden in East London, which he shares with his partner and two young children.