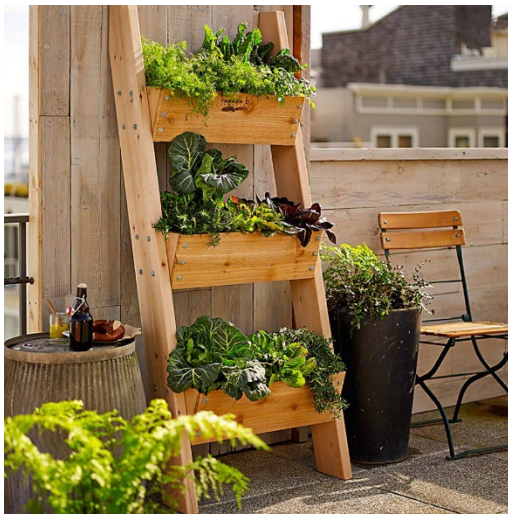


## You Can Grow Your Own Way (grow your own waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaay) [Fleetwood Mac]

Blooming wonders await, even in the tiniest of spaces! Step into the world of compact gardening and unlock the potential of your small oasis, where greenery flourishes and dreams take root

### Find your mini-garden style!

Going vertical? Wine-barrel-wisteria more your style? Herb-In-A-Jar? There's plenty of options! Here are some planting options to consider:



## **Mini-Garden Magic**

Not sure what plants would suit your space? Try these for size:

- Dwarf fruit trees
- Salad leaves and microgreens
- Bite-sized beauties: blueberries, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, chilies
- Tight-bunching herbs

## **Think Outside the Pots**

Did you know you could grow potatoes in bags? It's magic!

Put aside 2-3 of potatoes next time you buy a bag, leaving them somewhere cool and light. Once they've started to sprout, get yourself a sturdy black garbage bag or a hessian/jute sack. Poke a few small holes in the bottom to prevent it becoming waterlogged, and fill about 10cms with soil/compost. Roll the edges of the bag down, so it stands by itself. Gently nestle your potato buds, sprout-side-up, into the soil. Cover lightly with another 2 cms or so of soil/compost. Water well, and place in a light, bright space. Once you start seeing sprouts appearing above the soil line, roll the sides of the bag up until they're level with the sprouts, cover with more soil, and repeat over the days/weeks until the bag is full. Water only when the top few cms of soil feel dry. Let 'em grow, and once the leaves of the shoots die off, your sack-o-potatoes should be ready to harvest!

## **Grow Beyond ASPIRE:**

Want to learn more? Here are a few links you can dig up later for some bedtime reading with some great tips and tricks!

<http://www.cheapvegetablegardener.com/category/vertical-gardening/>

<https://tuigarden.co.nz/inspiration-hub/ideas-and-inspiration/small-spaces-gardening-guide/>

<https://tuigarden.co.nz/inspiration-hub/ideas-and-inspiration/balcony-garden-guide/>

<https://www.kings.co.nz/advice-and-articles/growing-your-own-produce>

<https://www.bunnings.co.nz/diy-advice/garden/composting/how-to-compost-a-guide-to-reducing-waste-at-home>