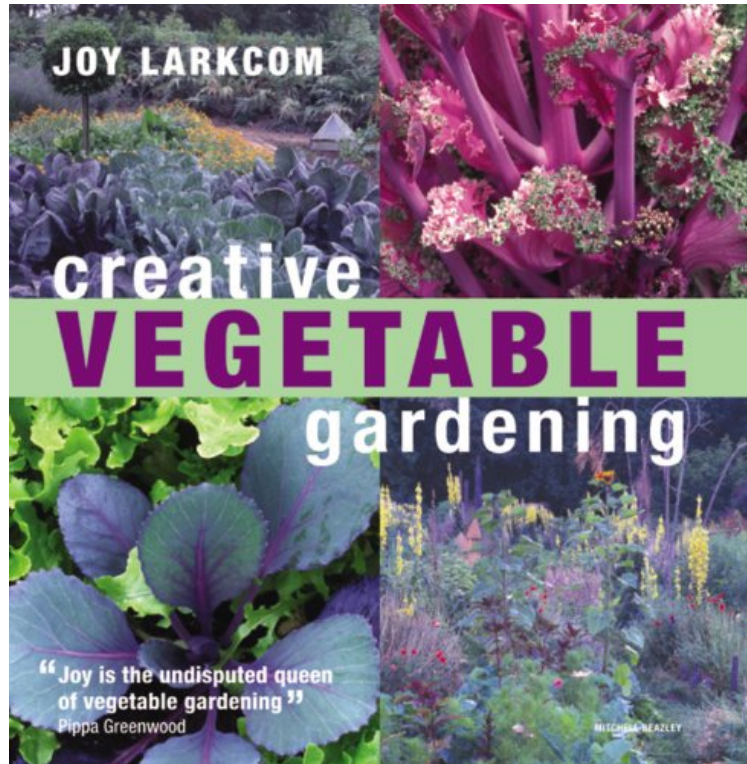


# Creative Vegetable Gardening

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Working from the belief that a vegetable garden, whatever its size, can be as beautiful as a conventional garden of flowers and shrubs, this colorful guide shows how to apply the principles of good design to a kitchen plot. Find out how to use the vibrant texture, colors, and forms of vegetables, herbs, and fruit to create glorious effects and intriguing patterns without jeopardizing their productivity. A range of gardening techniques are described and illustrated with full-color step-by-step images, and an A-Z directory includes more than 150 edible plants to work with. From creating a full-scale potager (there are 5 different kinds to choose from) to simply adding some new effects with vegetables, theres inspiration here for beginners and experienced gardeners alike.

"This is a wonderful book for winter reading, filled with ideas for spring and summer sowing and growing." Rosemary Verey *The Sunday Times Book Supplement* "Joy Larkcom has single-handedly put vegetable gardening back on the map" Jim Buckland *Country Living* "So filled with exciting and new things that - like the products of the author's kitchen - it goes down in one sitting." David Dunbar *The Sunday Times* "All aspects of creating an ornamental kitchen garden are covered, from planning to design ideas for attractive boundaries, paths, edges to beds, focal points, and features ... There's a wealth of beautifully photographed detail - textured effects, colourful touches, planting for dramatic effect - to get the creative juices flowing." Andrew Blackford *Kitchen Garden* "Creative Vegetable Gardening shows that veggies can be grown stylishly in the smallest of places" Jane Powers *Irish Times* From the Back Cover Creative Vegetable Gardening offers the most up-to-date and original information on potager design and edible landscaping, allowing gardeners to create new gardens that are both handsome and productive, or beautify existing gardens. The myriad of suggestions offered are suitable for gardens of all sizes. Even a tiny vegetable patch can be imaginatively designed and planted. The chapters include information about how to design a garden; how to plant for dramatic effects; how to use fruit as a decorative element; gardening techniques from propagation to pest control and an extensive A to Z plant directory of vegetables, herbs, edible flowers, and fruits. About the Author Joy Larkcom has been growing and writing about vegetables for more than thirty years and is considered one of the world's leading experts in the field. Her work has been deeply influenced by travels in Europe, China, Japan, the USA, and Canada, continually searching for new edible plants and cultivation techniques. With the help of her husband, Don Pollard, this has led to the introduction of many exciting salad plants and oriental vegetables. Her eloquent and humorous style of writing has done much to popularize vegetable growing. Over the past ten years she has concentrated on the "potager" concept, making the kitchen plot a beautiful feature in itself. She created four small potagers in the experimental organic market garden she and her husband ran for many years in Suffolk, before moving to Southern Ireland, where a fan-shaped potager is now being made on a windswept slope. Joy is well-known as an author, journalist, and lecturer, and has taken part in many radio and television broadcasts. Her other books include *Oriental Vegetables* (1991), *Salads for Small Gardens* (1995), *The Organic Salad Garden* (2001), *Grow Your Own Vegetables* (2002), and revisions of the classic *The Vegetable Garden Displayed*. Joy has won the Garden Writer of the Year award three times and in 1993 was awarded the prestigious Veitch Memorial Medal for services to horticulture. In 2003 she was presented with the Garden Writers' Guild Lifetime Achievement award. She lives in Cork, Ireland.