

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

### GARDEN STYLE

#### JAPANESE GARDEN

Designed with a tranquil, quiet feeling. Less is more in these gardens. Sand, pebbles and lawn predominate. Use reed or bamboo for fences instead of boards. Plants commonly used are aged and weathered evergreens, Japanese Maple, and Azaleas.

#### FORMAL GARDEN

These gardens are very balanced and symmetrical. In fact, the landscaping is like a mirror image on each side of the house or garden. To enhance this style it is best to clip and train shrubbery into formal shapes such as balls, pyramids, columns and squares. A central fountain, architectural feature, or statuary is a traditional accent in this garden style.

#### COTTAGE GARDEN

Often thought of as a relaxed English type garden featuring winding paths bordered by deep beds filled with a mixture of perennials and flowering shrubs. Garden gates arched with arbors that are laden with flowering vines lead into other areas of the yard.

#### CONTAINER GARDEN

This is a natural choice for small gardens that have poor soil and/or poor drainage. The raised containers or planters of various sizes, shapes and heights provide a miniature setting for plants. Herbaceous perennials, small flowering shrubs, evergreens and trees are appropriate plants.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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