



## Experiment with your garden

This is the year to experiment! Branch out and dare to try L something new in your garden! Planning is not just for springtime - you can start planning on the very first days that the sun pushes the mercury up past zero and continue right through until the summer sizzle sets in!

Colors, vegetables, nature...

Your first goal in planning your gar-

den should be to erase the harsh division between outdoors and indoors. Look for harmony in your choice of tones. Go after bold colors in nuanced shades. Choose plants and tools that make upkeep easy. When it comes to accessories, pick pots and planters in colors and styles that provide a unifying effect.

The tactile garden: it's all about texture!

Gardens usually tantalize the eyes and the nose, but don't forget about the sense of touch. Place plants with interesting textures in places where they'll be easy to touch... in pots near the patio chairs, along the borders of pathways, in the garden entry...

The four-season garden: a décor that keeps giving all year long

True "green thumbs" know that a careful choice of plants will ensure an uninterrupted succession of blossoms from spring 'til fall, for a fabulous "exterior decoration" of color and form. But then the snow falls and it's all over. Or is

it? You can extend the experience by planting miniature evergreens that stand guard all winter, along with trees and shrubs that, stripped of their leaves, show the marvelous forms that are completely hidden in the summer.

The urban garden: vegetables for all! On the terrace of a condo, on the roof of an apartment or in a tiny urban back-

yard, it's still possible to plant your own

little oasis. Whether you grow them in the ground, in planters, or both, just make sure you choose plants suited to the environment (light, humidity, wind...) or set up a trellis to protect them from the wind and give

need to flourish. Our RONA Botanix specialists say that most people find

them the shade they

it's no longer enough to just plant a few shrubs along the foundation line and hang up a potted plant or two. Cocooning has taught us to make our homes into snug and delightful nests, and that trend is now spreading out to include our gardens and yards, because we're spending more and more time outside.

Want more information? Contact your local RONA expert. We'll be more than happy to help you find the answers to all your questions. Or go to www.rona.ca for practical advice and lots of handy tips.

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