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Landscape Style Guide
Create lasting beauty with the latest gardening trends

Design trends may come and go, but the beauty of a garden never goes out of style. Join us as we explore the top five trends shaping gardens today while illustrating how to create lasting beauty that delights for decades. Inside, you’ll find examples of each trend in a real-life garden, an explanation of how to achieve the look, as well as landscape plans and plant lists that demonstrate how to turn the inspiration into a reality.

After you take time to dream about how you can cultivate beauty in your own space, we invite you to visit your nearest Monrovia retailer (use the “Find a Garden Center” tool at Monrovia.com to find yours) armed with a vision for a garden that will bring you joy, serenity, and satisfaction for years to come.

Looking for more garden inspiration? Check out our Be Inspired blog and Grow Beautifully newsletter to get more garden design advice, gardening tips, plant information, and much more.
Regal Mist® Pink Muhly Grass
Airy pink-red flowers and glossy green foliage make for a spectacular show when planted en masse. Especially showy when back-lit by the sun.

UP TO 4’ TALL, 3’ WIDE
PART TO FULL SUN
ZONES 6-9

Happy Days® Orange-Red Bicolor Dahlia
Vibrant, single flowers with yellow-tipped red petals pop against the nearly black, dissected foliage of this well-branched Dahlia. A gorgeous, dramatic annual in all zones.

UP TO 4’ TALL AND WIDE
FULL SUN
ALL ZONES

Petite Plum® Ninebark
The striking burgundy-plum foliage on this mounded shrub sets off the showy flower clusters in spring and attractive seed pods in summer.

UP TO 6’ TALL, 5’ WIDE
PART TO FULL SUN
ZONES 4-8

Sirens’ Song™ Dark n’ Bright Heuchera
A captivating, exclusive new variety with hot-pink blooms that lure hummingbirds and create a striking contrast against the dark foliage.

UP TO 18” TALL, 15” WIDE
PART SHADE
ZONES 4-9

Royal Purple Smoke Tree
Breathtaking, airy seed clusters emerge like pink clouds from the red-purple foliage, which turns to a scarlet red in autumn.

UP TO 15’ TALL, 12’ WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

Vision in White Astilbe
Tall, feathery, white flowers bloom above deep bronze-green foliage. This compact, clump-forming plant tolerates heat and dry periods.

UP TO 4’ TALL AND WIDE
PART TO FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

Krebs Desert Bloom Hens and Chicks
Mounding, cold-hardy succulents add low-growing texture and color to the garden with foliage that ranges from silvery green to deep purple.

UP TO 8” TALL, 12” WIDE
PART TO FULL SUN
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FULL SUN
ALL ZONES

Sunstar® Rose Coreopsis
Another stunning new exclusive from Monrovia, with a tidy habit, and profuse, dynamic flowers that persist through the heat of summer.

UP TO 24” TALL, 30” WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

Get the Look: Dark Meets Light

The garden trend where Dark Meets Light is a study in contrasts. This landscape makes a bold statement and captures the eye by pairing darker foliage plants with white or bright blooms. The drama of this garden is deepened with varied textures and lush foliage, and can be complementary to all styles of home architecture.

Start by choosing small trees with dark plum or deep green foliage.
Choose flowering shrubs with small white blooms.
Add fine textured grasses in silvery grays or blush, and low-growing silver or blue succulents.
Add pops of bright, happy color with perennials and annuals in vivid pink or orange.
Keep the dark and light in balance in every view.
Upscale Relaxation

Create a serene space with a simplified color palette and lush foliage.
Get the Look: Upscale Relaxation

Turn your backyard into an instant paradise with soothing greens and pops of color. This garden style is about splurging on plants and furnishings that create the soothing atmosphere of an upscale spa or a boutique hotel. Choose broad leafed plants, hardy ferns and other warm greenery; adding some bright color as an accent. Finish with a cozy firepit and soft lounge seating.

HOW TO CREATE IT

Select leafy shrubs, tall grasses and trees that catch the breeze with gentle movement. Plant trees and taller hedges to conceal walls. Use plantings to frame a seating area. Choose low-growing mounding grasses and perennials to soften the scene. Add tropical color or indoor plants in containers for easy updates.

1. **Maiden Grass**
   - This attractive ornamental grass has fine-textured, silver-green leaves that turn a golden hue after first frost. Plant on mass to use as a back screen.
   - **UP TO 3' TALL AND WIDE**
   - **FULL SUN**
   - **ZONES 4-9**

2. **Bright Star Yucca**
   - Add drama and structural interest with boldly colored rosettes of stringy green leaves with bright yellow edges.
   - **ROSETTES UP TO 1' TALL AND WIDE**
   - **FULL SUN**
   - **ZONES 7-10**

3. **Tropicanna® Canna**
   - An exceptional container specimen that offers dramatic texture and color. Leaves emerge bi- colored and mature with stripes of red, pink, yellow, and green.
   - **UP TO 5' TALL AND 4' WIDE**
   - **FULL SUN**
   - **ZONES 7-11**

4. **Northern Exposure® Sienna Heuchera**
   - A long-lived, hardy, and rust-resistant heuchera that adds a pop of color with foliage that emerges green and turns burnt orange as it matures.
   - **UP TO 13" TALL, 21" WIDE**
   - **PARTIAL SHADE TO FULL SUN**
   - **ZONES 4-9**

5. **Ghost Fern**
   - More easy-going than other ferns, this vigorous variety can tolerate brief dry spells. Silver-green fronds have deep-purple midribs.
   - **UP TO 3' TALL AND WIDE**
   - **FULL TO PARTIAL SHADE**
   - **ZONES 4-9**

6. **Elijah Blue Fescue**
   - The icy-blue color of this compact, clumping ornamental grass holds up even through the heat of summer.
   - **UP TO 12" TALL AND WIDE**
   - **FULL SUN**
   - **ZONES 4-11**

7. **Golden Spirit Smoke Tree**
   - A favorite for arid climates, with spectacular scorch-resistant foliage that emerges lime green, matures to brilliant gold, then turns red in fall.
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Architectural Simplicity

Use repetition of plants, color, and form to give a sense of timelessness.
The Architectural Simplicity garden is elegant and timeless. It evokes a romantic ideal of British gardens framed by clipped boxwood hedges, or an Italian summer afternoon in a courtyard lined by cypress or juniper. The key rules at play here are symmetry and repetition, which makes this style easier than others to execute in a rectangular or square space.

**HOW TO CREATE IT**

*Use symmetry and geometry in your planting plan.*

*Choose one or two evergreens as your main element, and repeat in rows. Add punctuation or statement plants, such as a topiary form in a globe, spiral or pyramid, around seating areas or entries.*

*Choose flowering shrubs, if using, with blooms in white or cooler hues.*

*Soften the formality a touch with grasses.*
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Garden of Abundance
Create a garden of edible and pollinator plants, weaving in lush foliage and bright flowers.
Evolution® Colorific® Coneflower
Dense petals in a palette of pink hues entice pollinators, while lush foliage creates a backdrop for the summer-long profusion of blooms.

Chicago Hardy Fig
An attractive ornamental tree that produces sweet, purple-brown fruit with pink flesh.

Steffi® Blush Pink Gaura
An exceptionally compact variety that’s perfect for hot, dry gardens. Red stems and blush-pink blooms provide color from late spring through early fall.

Northwind Switch Grass
An upright, clumping grass with foliage that turns gold in autumn. Sturdy stems provide interest and protection to songbirds in winter.

UP TO 20” TALL, 18” WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

UP TO 18” TALL, 12” WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

UP TO 6’ TALL, 3’ WIDE
FULL TO PARTIAL SUN
ZONES 4-9

UP TO 25’ TALL, 20’ WIDE
FULL TO PARTIAL SUN
ZONES 4-8

UP TO 18” TALL, 12” WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 5-9

UP TO 4’ TALL, 1’ WIDE
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9

Get the Look: Garden of Abundance

This landscape celebrates the ornamental beauty and lushness of the edible and productive garden. It’s not about raised beds, but rather integrating edible plants as discoveries. Fruiting vines, berry shrubs and small trees weave through perennials and grasses. This garden relies on pollinator plants to attract birds, butterflies and bees to create a connected landscape.

HOW TO CREATE IT

Place fruit trees and vines as the important anchors in your landscape. Draw visitors through the garden with informal, curving pathways. Arrange diverse pollinator plants with different bloom seasons throughout your garden to attract activity in multiple places. Consider herbs as lovely groundcovers and borders near pathways. Use ornamental grasses to soften the look and act as visual transition between bright blooms.

1. Kiwi Magic® Hardy Kiwi Combination
A vigorous, cold-hardy variety with glossy foliage, fragrant blooms, and delicious fruit. A male pollinator is planted in container for a high yield.

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5. Thumbelina Leigh English Lavender
An aromatic, easy-care, compact shrub with profuse violet-blue flowers that bloom up to three times per year (with pruning).

6. Evolution® Embers® Sparks Coneflower
Bright, many yellow flowers provide nectar for pollinators all summer long. Dried flower heads offer nutrition for songbirds in winter.

7. Superlicious® Blackberry
A thornless dwarf blackberry that produces a fireworks-like display of large, juicy berries in the summer. Produces on second-year canes.

8. Northwind Switch Grass
An upright, clumping grass with foliage that turns gold in autumn. Sturdy stems provide interest and protection to songbirds in winter.
Create a relaxed space with a mixture of textures, statement plants and ombré blooms.
Golden Duke® Eastern Hemlock
A superb, exclusive new evergreen with glowing golden foliage on arching branches. Improved sun tolerance over other gold hemlocks.
**UP TO 10' TALL, 3' WIDE**
PART TO FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9
#01265

Château de Chantilly Rose of Sharon
Large, exquisite flowers of white cover stems from top to bottom, each with a deep red-violet center. Bloom through summer.
**UP TO 8' TALL, 6' WIDE**
PART TO FULL SUN
ZONES 5-9
#00992

Karley Rose Fountain Grass
A graceful and stunning grass with arching foliage and smoky rose-purple flower spikes that glow when backlit by the sun.
**UP TO 4' TALL AND WIDE**
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-10
#00430

Color Guard Adam’s Needle
Slightly arching, sword-shaped, striped foliage of creamy white and dark green offers architectural interest and unexpected color.
**UP TO 4' TALL AND WIDE**
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-10
#00133

FloralBerry® Champagne St. John’s Wort
Buttery yellow flowers produce clusters of creamy white berries on this well-branched, rust-resistant, and fuss-free shrub.
**UP TO 3' TALL AND WIDE**
PART SHADE TO FULL SUN
ZONES 5-9
#05946

Mesa Verde® Ice Plant
A stunning display of pink flowers bloom against succulent, gray-green foliage from late spring until first frost. Award-winning and non-aggressive.
**UP TO 6" TALL, 24" WIDE**
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-10
#00946

Jazzy Jewel® Andorra Juniper
Exceptional bright-green and gold-splashed foliage on a naturally spreading form that creates a shapely and durable groundcover.
**UP TO 2' TALL, 4' WIDE**
FULL SUN
ZONES 5-9
#00136

Tiger Eye Coneflower
This compact and eye-catching coneflower variety is covered in tons of flowers all summer, and features blooms in shades of orange.
**UP TO 18" TALL AND WIDE**
FULL SUN
ZONES 4-9
#44828

Get the Look: Dressed Up Bohemian

This garden is playful and romantic, but not chaotic. Inspired by beautiful graphic foliage and fine textures, this trend can combine conifers, grasses, or ferns with unusual statement plants to catch the eye. Fanciful perennials and flowering shrubs with ombre-colored blooms add color. Add a patterned umbrella or sun shade over a lounge area to complete the mood.

**HOW TO CREATE IT**

- Choose plants with distinctive foliage sizes and textures, from broadleaf to needles.
- Add one or two unusual statement plants in containers.
- Be fearless in mixing color and pattern overall, but keep it unified by planting in mass.
- Choose graceful ornamental grasses to blend throughout your landscape.
- Select perennials with soft ombre shades of blooms on each plant.