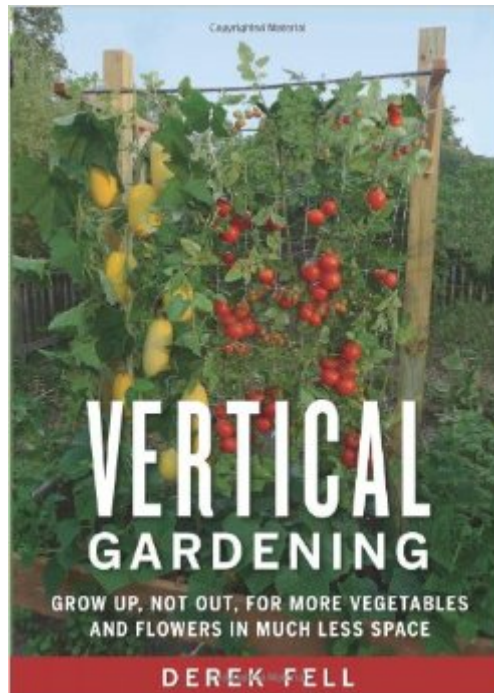


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# Vertical Gardening: Grow Up, Not Out, For More Vegetables And Flowers In Much Less Space



## Synopsis

The biggest mistake gardeners make each season is starting out too big and then quickly realizing their large plot requires too much weeding, watering, and backbreaking labor. Vertical gardening guarantees a better outcome from the day the trowel hits the soil by shrinking the amount of "floor" space needed and focusing on climbing plants that are less prone to insects, diseases, and animal pests. Notable author and gardener Derek Fell has tried and tested thousands of varieties of vegetables, flowers, and fruits and recommends the best plants for space-saving vertical gardening. His grow-up, grow-down system also shows which ground-level plants make good companions underneath and alongside climbing plants. Best of all, many of Fell's greatest climbers and mutually beneficial plants are available in seed packets in every local garden center. With a mix of DIY and commercially available string supports, trellises, pergolas, raised beds, skyscraper gardens, and topsy-turvy planters, the vertical garden system reduces work, increases yields, makes harvesting easier, and can be practiced in spaces as small as a container or a one-by-four-foot strip. Vertical Gardening features 100 color photos of the author's own vertical methods and showcases beautiful, troublefree perennials, shrubs, vegetables, annuals, and fruit perfect for this new, rewarding way to garden.

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Everyone who has a yearly garden has attempted pole beans at one time or another, but seldom thinks about the possibility of trying the same thing with spaghetti squash ('vegetable spaghetti').

Derek Fell rates this particular squash "as one of the easiest vegetables to grow vertically from seed," and, if you are selling your produce, one of the more profitable. This book by no means attempts to guide one or give plans as to how to make trellises or other vertical gardening accessories such as arches. These items are commonly sold in gardening supply stores or even at your local hardware store. If you are interested in making them, you need to look elsewhere. This book is all about Fell's experience with vertical gardening, one in which he shares his tried and true methods with us. Once I got the drift of what this book was and was not about, I was amazed at the amount of information tucked inside these pages. Yes, trellises and arches are discussed. I learned where to best incorporate them in my garden and what plants grow best on them. For example, "simple arches are ideal to support quick-growing annuals like ornamental gourds and morning glories, but you should not use them for aggressive vines like wisteria." A brief textual and visual lesson shows you how vines actually climb, something you'll definitely want to be aware of when you go vertical. Planters and supports systems include bamboo supports, builder's wire,

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