

# The Making Of Place Modern And Contemporary Gardens

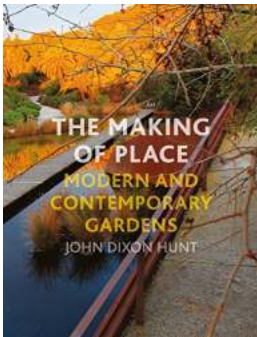


Creating a modern and contemporary garden requires careful planning, innovative design, and attention to detail. These types of gardens are characterized by their sleek, clean lines, minimalistic approach, and use of modern materials. In this article, we will explore the process involved in making

place modern and contemporary gardens, offering insights into the key elements and considerations to create a stunning outdoor space.

## 1. Vision and Concept Development

The first step in the making of a modern and contemporary garden is to establish a clear vision and concept. This involves discussing and understanding the client's preferences, needs, and goals for their outdoor space. The garden designer then uses this information to develop a concept that aligns with the client's vision while incorporating modern design principles.



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Careful thought is given to the layout, functionality, and flow of the garden. The use of geometric patterns, straight lines, and symmetry often play a significant role in creating a modern aesthetic. Additionally, the integration of modern elements such as concrete, steel, and glass is carefully considered to enhance the contemporary feel of the garden.

## **2. Plant Selection and Arrangement**

While modern and contemporary gardens often prioritize clean lines and minimalist design, the selection and arrangement of plants play a crucial role in softening the overall look and providing a touch of nature. Native grasses,

succulents, and carefully selected perennials are popular choices for these types of gardens.



The arrangement of plants is typically organized in a way that creates visual interest and complements the surrounding architecture. Strategic placement of plants helps create focal points, define spaces, and add texture and color to the garden. Incorporating vertical gardens and living walls is another effective technique in modern garden design.

### 3. Lighting

Lighting plays a crucial role in modern and contemporary garden design, as it enhances the ambiance and extends the usability of outdoor spaces. The strategic positioning of lighting fixtures can highlight specific features, guide pathways, and create a warm and inviting atmosphere during the evening.



The use of LED lights is common in modern gardens due to their energy efficiency and versatility. LED strips, recessed lights, and uplights can be used to create dramatic effects, illuminate specific plants or architectural elements, and provide functional lighting for entertaining areas.

#### **4. Incorporating Water Features**

A water feature can add a sense of tranquility and visual interest to a modern garden. Whether it's a small fountain, a reflective pool, or a statement waterfall, water elements offer a calming effect and create a focal point within the outdoor space.



The design and placement of water features should align with the overall concept and layout of the garden. Water elements can be strategically integrated into the landscape to provide a seamless and harmonious connection between the natural and artificial elements of the design.

## **5. Outdoor Furnishings and Accessories**

To complete the modern and contemporary look of the garden, carefully selected outdoor furnishings and accessories are essential. These elements not only add comfort and functionality but also contribute to the overall aesthetic appeal.

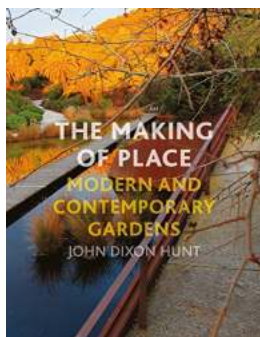


Sleek and minimalist furniture designs with clean lines and neutral tones are commonly used in modern gardens. The arrangement of furniture should promote relaxation and social interaction, keeping in mind the spatial constraints and layout of the space. Additionally, the inclusion of fire pits, sculptures, and other unique accessories can further elevate the garden's modern feel.

The making of modern and contemporary gardens involves a thoughtful and creative approach to design. By considering the client's vision, incorporating modern design principles, carefully selecting and arranging plants, incorporating



lighting and water features, and choosing appropriate outdoor furnishings and accessories, a stunning outdoor space can be created. The result is a harmonious and sophisticated garden that seamlessly blends contemporary style with the beauty of nature.



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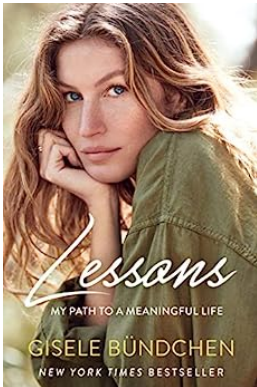
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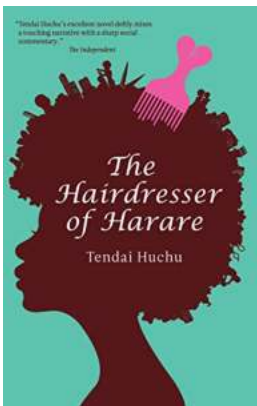
While some gardens are built with a respect towards tradition, others forge new, innovative ways to carve out a space for respite in nature. They can reflect the priorities of modern society, bring new ideas and materials into the world, or seek the reinvention of ancient cultures. In *The Making of Place* John Dixon Hunt explores the variety of gardens and landscapes found throughout the world today. From towering sculptures strewn amidst green grass to hilly trails crowded with runners, Hunt offers a unique look at the history and makeup of both frequented and hidden gardens. The modern botanical gardens, small parks, university campuses and vernacular gardens the author examines are not centralized, but in fact showcase the differences between cultures and countries around the world, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the United States, China and Australia. *The Making of Place* offers an accessible tour of modern garden landscapes that gives non-designers as well as specialists a new view of the created outdoor world around them. The book will appeal to all those interested in

the history and significance of the modern garden and landscape, as well as specialists in the field of garden history and design.



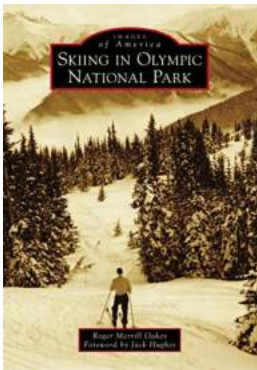
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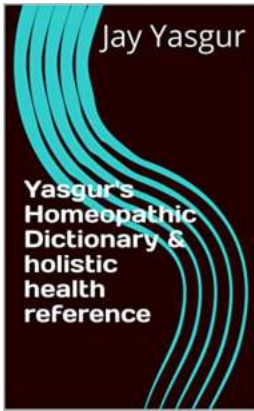
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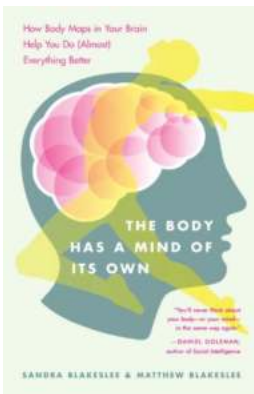
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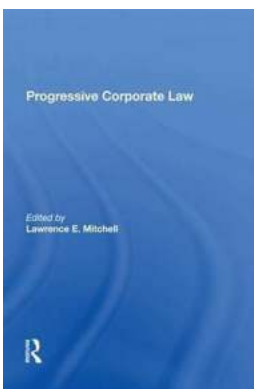
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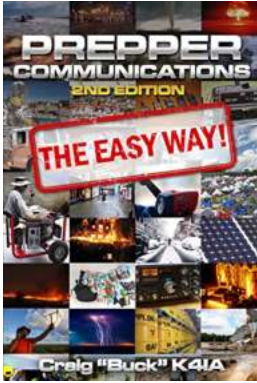
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