



**THE PLAN**

## From tiny seedlings to big rewards

Seventeen kinds of herbs and veggies cover the fence and fill two half-moon-shaped beds, each about 3 feet across and 11 feet long. Our circular kitchen plot, small enough to fit into a 16- by 16-foot corner of the garden, is packed with our favorite vegetables, herbs, and pollinator-attracting flowers. The varieties listed below (and numbered on the photo above) were planted mostly as nursery seedlings; buy one plant of each variety except where noted. Beans and sunflowers were started from seed, following package instructions.

### Vegetables and herbs

**TOMATOES**

- 1. 'Paul Robeson': Deep maroon fruits have a sweet, earthy flavor.
- 2. 'Early Girl': red fruits.
- 3. 'Yellow Pear': golden, pear-shaped fruits.

**SQUASH**

- 4. 'Sunburst': yellow pattypan with a delicate flavor. 3 plants.
- 5. 'Cocozelle': Italian zucchini with dark and light green stripes.

**EGGPLANT**

- 6. 'Rosa Bianca': teardrop-shaped fruits with pinkish lavender and ivory skin. 2 plants.
- 7. Japanese long: tender, blackish purple eggplant. 2 plants.

**PEPPERS**

- 8. 'Tequila': amethyst bells that mature to bright red. 2 plants.
- 9. 'Carmen': horn-shaped sweet red peppers. 2 plants.

**OREGANO**

- 10. *O. vulgare* 'Compactum': Small leaves can be used fresh or dried. 4 plants.

**CHIVES**

- 11. Grasslike leaves can be clipped to add oniony flavor to salads and sandwiches. 3 plants.

**THYME**

- 12. Common thyme: Leaves can be used fresh or dried as a seasoning.

**CILANTRO**

- 13. 'Slow Bolt': Fernlike foliage is a must-have for flavoring guacamole. 3 plants.

**BASIL**

- 14. 'Mrs. Burns Lemon': Adds a distinctly lemony taste to casseroles and salads. 3 plants.
- 15. 'Genovese': strong-flavored leaves. 3 plants.

**BEANS**

- 16. 'Blue Lake': firm, crunchy, and mild-flavored. *From seed.*
- 17. 'Romano': stringless, richly flavored pods. *From seed.*

### Flowers

**SUNFLOWERS**

- 18. 'Jerusalem Sunrise Lemon': light yellow blooms on 5-foot plants. *From seed.*

**COREOPSIS OR COSMOS**

- 19. 'Moonbeam' coreopsis: delicate, pale yellow flowers on airy stems. Or try 'Sonata White' cosmos. 2 plants.

**SWEET ALYSSUM**

- 20. White sweet alyssum: Fluffy, honey-scented blooms attract bees and butterflies. 8 plants.