



Small Space? - Create a Balcony Garden



Things to Consider

- Weight of garden beds
- Water run-off on your balcony
- The amount of space you can use - both vertical and horizontal
- Wind, sun, shade
- Maintenance - keep it minimal
- How you will water your plants

Steps to Take

1. Consult with your Owners Corporation before you begin. There may be governing regulations that apply to your balcony. You may need to negotiate.
2. Design your space: Consider aspect - wind, sun and shade and look for plants that would do well in your conditions.
3. Consider the range of containers you could use:
 - Pots and saucers
 - Styrofoam boxes
 - Wooden Crates
 - Polypipe systems
4. Consider how you could use your vertical space
 - Ladders
 - Tiered shelving
 - Hanging pots
 - Lattice on ceiling
 - Planter poles
 - Polypipe system
5. Add a small pond on your balcony to attract beneficial insects and perhaps frog, lizards or other life.
6. Consider including small animals like worms, quails, pigeons or yabbies on your balcony. The waste from these animals can be used as fertiliser for your plants.
7. Collect water on your balcony. You may be able to redirect your water from down pipes, have a small tub or collect water from rain for your plants.
8. Start with things that grow easily (herbs, lettuce etc) and things you like to eat and that don't take up too much space.
9. Make your balcony a beautiful space to enjoy and spend time.

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