

Perfect small area

As you begin to gain momentum preparing your garden for your 1974 pleasure remember hopping from area to area in total frustration with the job at hand will get you nowhere.

Decide how much time you have for gardening and take a small area, maybe 5'x10' and perfect it.

This means edging, pruning, cultivating, and fertilizing it. When you have to leave the task you'll have a feeling of accomplishment.

Keep those special tools together, perhaps a wheelbarrow. A lady gardener would probably benefit by schooling herself to work in the garden with gloves on. Go on the premise that there is always a party in the offing.

The cheapest air conditioner you can buy is a tree. Less than one percent of the water absorbed through the roots is used by the tree. The remaining 99% is given off through the leaves.

This is equal to 10 one-room air conditioners operating 20 hours per day. Therefore right now review the west location of your property. Couldn't a grouping of trees in this location relieve you of some of the hot mid-summer sun?

As you organize the annual show in your garden remember that a grouping of vivid colors can make the visitor hold his breathe as they take in the splendor.

Therefore be daring.

Plant annuals in masses and not in strings. Play with color. Study a Mexican scene in a picture to know what I mean. Red, pink, and a certain intensity of purple are good.

All hues of yellow, orange massed together are good examples. 1974 is not a monochromatic age.

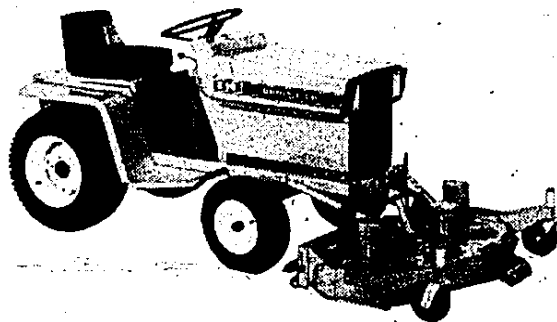
If you wish to have a good performance with your plants shipped to you, soak roots of trees and shrubs for 24 hours in water containing a weak fertilizer and one of the hormone-vitamin B-1 starters.

If you have a grouping of trees and the weekly cutting of grass is an extra chore, join together the trees into one bed. The total pattern could be kidney shaped.

Now fill the pattern with a good ground cover. Chances are if the area is very shady pachysandra will be the answer. Incorporate a grouping of boulders in the composition or a birdbath.

How many have tried sweet woodruff, an herb, for a ground cover in deep shade? It will have star shaped leaves and a delightful white flower. Go out of your way to give this idea a try.

If you once discover santolina (lavender cotton) with its white green leaves as a border for your rose garden you will have a gem. It is an herb.



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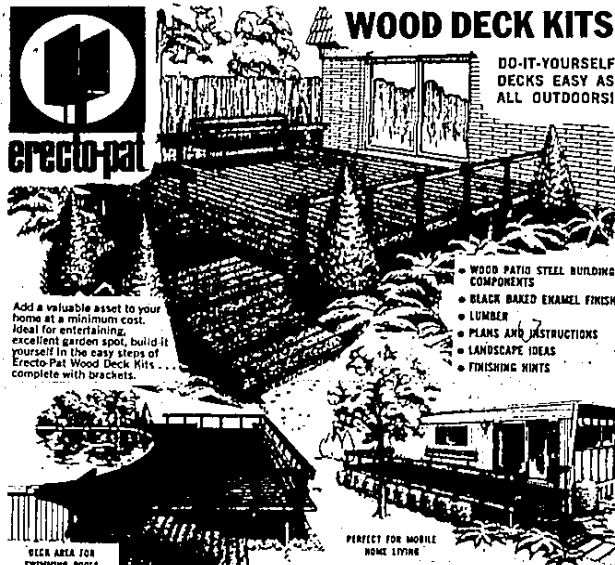
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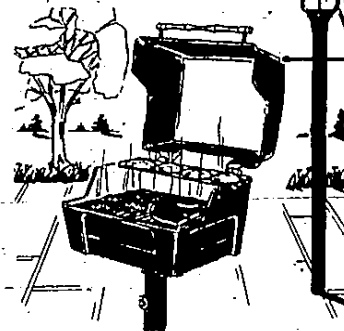
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