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Written by a 20-year veteran of landscape design and aimed at those with limited space for a garden, this guide features 18 profiles of gorgeous small garden paradises. Using step-by-step instructions, before-and-after photographs and detailed plans, landscape architect Keith Davitt offers tips and techniques for creating the illusion of space through terracing, enlarging through dividing and adding texture and colour.

.com Keith Davitt's *Small Spaces, Beautiful Gardens* celebrates the possibilities for awkward, undersized garden parcels, demonstrating convincingly that no space is too small to make a big impact. Lacking dimensionality, most small gardens can be taken in visually with one glance. Davitt offers solutions for creating a sense of spaciousness and surprise, even in the most cramped, unlikely location. A landscape designer, builder, photographer, and writer, Davitt draws on 16 projects from his own portfolio. "Before" and "after" photographs help illustrate both the process and principles of reconfiguring an outdoor space. Who could imagine, for example, that as ugly a duckling as a narrow, shaft-like urban lot surrounded on three sides by cinderblocks, painted brick, and metal piping could be transformed into an enchanting series of multi-leveled wood decks, enlivened with container plantings? Davitt's ideas are all the more convincing because he has photographed the gardens between peak bloom periods. Although spaces are lush with plant life, the book's emphasis is more on design than plant selection. Offering neither budget remedies nor step-by-step technical advice, *Small Spaces, Beautiful Gardens* is, itself, a beautiful book to pore over for inspiration. -- Jennifer Wyatt
From Publishers Weekly
A near-architectural design strategy is king in this heartening guide for owners of small plots of land. Mosaic brickwork, a few well-placed tiles, terraces, stone walls, benches tucked into corners and flora, flora, flora. Landscape designer and author Davitt recommends, among other ideas, curves "to elicit a sense of organic motion," texture for added dimension, mixed and matched leaves for lushness, and dividing the garden up to make it seem "larger than the sum of its areas." By designing their own ponds, walkways, arbors, "rooms" and patios, urban and suburban residents can achieve a harmonious privacy in spaces that seem to offer little. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.
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Keith Davitt has been designing, building, photographing, and writing about gardens for 20 years. His gardens and articles have appeared in numerous magazines, and he is the author of *Small Spaces, Beautiful Gardens*. He lives in Cambridge, New York.