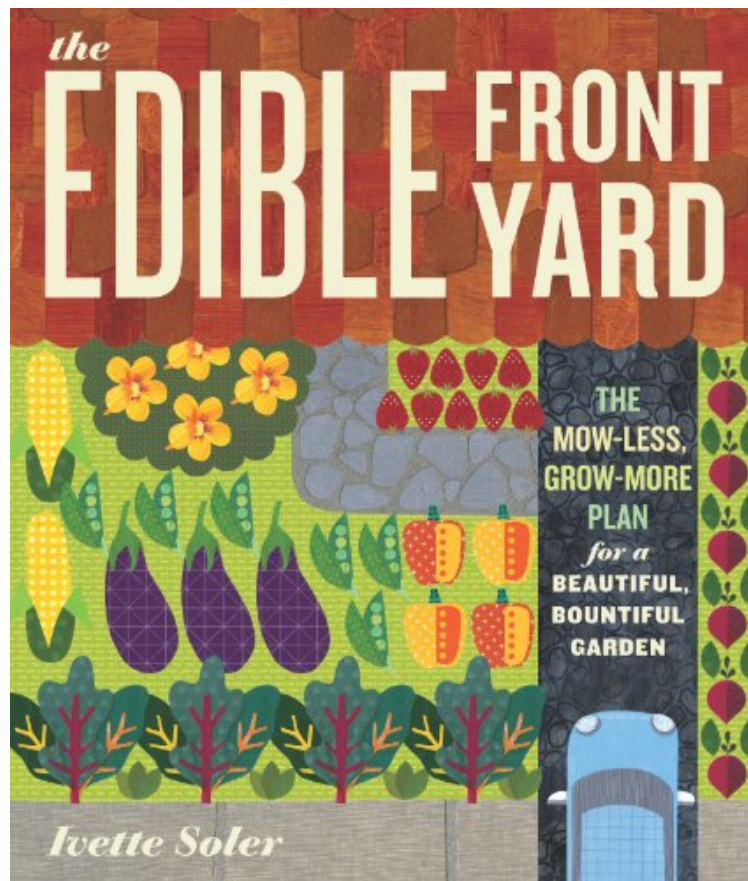


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I would love to see more completeBy CorydrasI would love to see more complete, entire-yard layout of photographsbesides that, it has great tips to design edible landscape and list of best suited plants, along with diagrams of the possible designs. It gives you plenty of information and ideas to start designing your own yardit's like a basic text book for edible landscaping which everybody should have one at their house.39 of 41 people found the following review helpful. Great for dreaming, photos gardeners will loveBy L. MoreyBecause the book's subtitle refers to a "Plan" for a garden, I expected something a wee bit more practical. But that's just me . . . I'm an engineer, not an artist. But what gardener wouldn't love to gaze at the gorgeous photographs in this book and imagine "what if"?I enjoyed using the book's photographs to dream about what my edible front yard might look like if I had buckets of money, plus more tillable land than my modest urban property provides. In my

neighborhood, an edible front yard might consist of Swiss chard and an eggplant growing in place of the grass normally found in a 2-foot wide boulevard between the sidewalk and the street. The landscaping photos are beautiful, showing me what I could have if only I lived on a larger lot (suburbs, maybe?) and had the wealth to hire a landscape architect and a good contractor. But heck, there's no harm in dreaming, is there? This book makes the dreaming even more beautiful. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing practical guide By Serene Night The edible front yard, is my fantasy. As a backyard vegetable gardener I've had to deal with a tall redwood fence, awkward pre-existing trees, and the inevitable shade they cause. But the idea of uprooting the plants in the front yard to plant an aesthetically appealing garden of herbs, vegetables and fruit trees to maximize the use of this sunny space? That would be amazing. This book tells you how to do it in an affordable and pleasing way. The book shows you how to plant plants that are both appealing, and edible. It talks about organic methods to keep your garden looking nice and pest free. There is discussion about how to plan and maximize even the most restrictive neighborhood to include a few harvestables. I particularly enjoyed the creative use of brick and the discussion of each plant and their distinct properties. Reading about this, made me wish to get started on my own front yard vegetable garden. Unfortunately for me, the slugs and snails would devour it alive and what they didn't get, the gophers and moles would finish off. I have raised beds lined with sand paper on the outer rim to prevent the slugs in the backyard... But I'm not sure how well this would go over in the front. Without raised beds, a front yard veg garden would be impossibility. I like the idea of planting fruit trees in the front yard. What you get: \* Instructions on how to build maintain and grow your own edible garden \* Detailed discussion of herbs and plants you can add to your edible garden \* Nice pictures of pre-existing gardens in a variety of locations and styles \* Chock full of helpful tips Cons: \* May not be suitable for all climates \* Pest control methods a bit optimistic Recommended. 5/5 stars

Front lawns, beware: The Germinatrix has you in her crosshairs! Ivette Soler is a welcome voice urging us to mow less and grow some food in her uniquely fun, infectious yet informative way. Garden Rant People everywhere are turning patches of soil into bountiful vegetable gardens, and each spring a new crop of beginners pick up trowels and plant seeds for the first time. They're planting tomatoes in raised beds, runner beans in small plots, and strawberries in containers. But there is one place that has, until now, been woefully neglected the front yard. And there's good reason. The typical veggie garden, with its raised beds and plots, is not the most attractive type of garden, and favorite edible plants like tomatoes and cucumbers have a tendency to look a scraggly, even in their prime. But The Edible Front Yard isn't about the typical veggie garden, and author Ivette Soler is passionate about putting edibles up front and creating edible gardens with curb appeal. Soler offers step-by-step instructions for converting all or part of a lawn into an edible paradise; specific guidelines for selecting and planting the most attractive edible plants; and design advice and plans for the best placement and for combining edibles with ornamentals in pleasing ways. Inspiring and accessible, The Edible Front Yard is a one-stop resource for a front-and-center edible garden that is both beautiful and bountiful year-round.

From Booklist A picture is worth a thousand words, and Soler's guide to combining vegetables, flowers, herbs, and fruit trees for front yard curb appeal proves it. This germinatrix demonstrates with numerous full-color, page-filling photos the literal and figurative beauty in transforming a wasteful time-consuming, toxic monoculture . . . an anti-social space into a more evolved and exciting version of front yard beauty that prizes health, diversity, and pleasure over short-term convenience. Soler's suggestions for well-designed lawn alternatives emphasize color, form, and varietal texture found in such commonplace and utilitarian flora as apple trees, fragrant basil with its African Blue blooms, and the burnished stems, elongated leaves, and purple lacquered fruit of eggplants. An alphabetical listing of ornamental edibles from apples to wormwood (a genus of insect-repelling plants with silvery foliage as intoxicating visually, that is as its putatively hallucinogenic distillate, absinthe) combined with landscaping tips for various building styles and a resources list round out a useful and inspiring volume. --Whitney Scott I love Ivette's infectious enthusiasm for gardening, which is matched only by her deep knowledge of horticulture. Few people can make me laugh so hard and think so hard in the same sentence. Stephen Orr A useful and inspiring volume. Booklist A lively new book. . . . Soler takes you through a wide selection of suggested varieties of vegetables, fruits and herbs that are as beautiful as any rose bush. Martha Stewart Living An enticing introduction to growing food beautifully. . . . a timely, handsome guide. Publishers Weekly A good source of ideas for gardeners trying to imagine the edible front yard that might one day be theirs. Washington Gardener Proves that kitchen gardens can be both pretty and productive. Shows how to grow veggies in front so beautifully that neighbors won't object. Sunset Don't just plant flowers this gardening season; feed your family, too! AARP Magazine Lush and lovely. Apartment Therapy Heavily-laden with quality photography that is as inspiring as the text. Gardening By The Book Addresses the concerns that gardeners of all kinds have, when considering making the change from grass to groceries. Horticulture Its inspiring to see photos of how much more interesting our front yards could be. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Empowers readers with the knowledge to successfully transform their yards. Portland Book