

Landscape Design Basics

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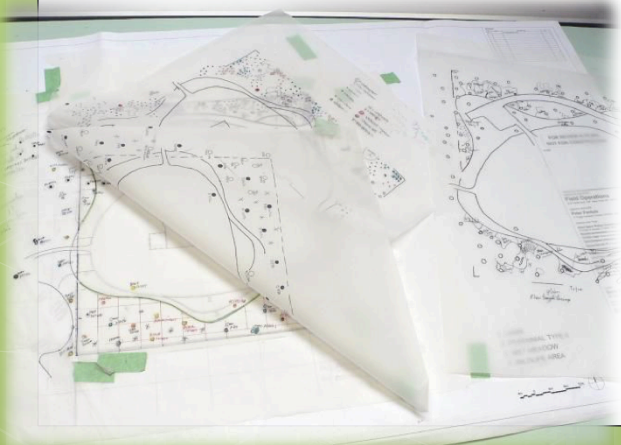
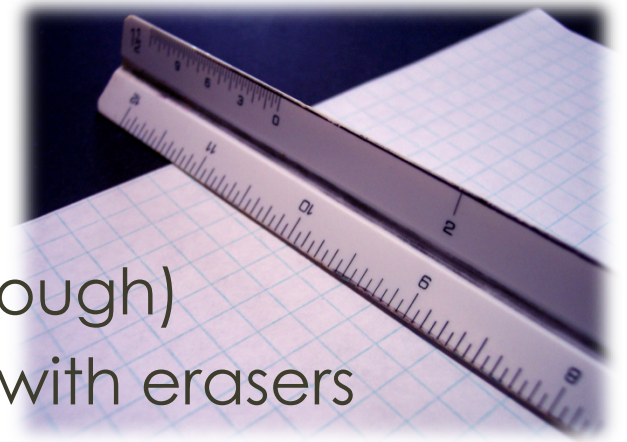
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Objective

- To work through the first few steps of creating a landscape design
- Formulating use areas,
- Framing or hiding views
- Placing trees
- Raised beds
- Decks and
- Patios

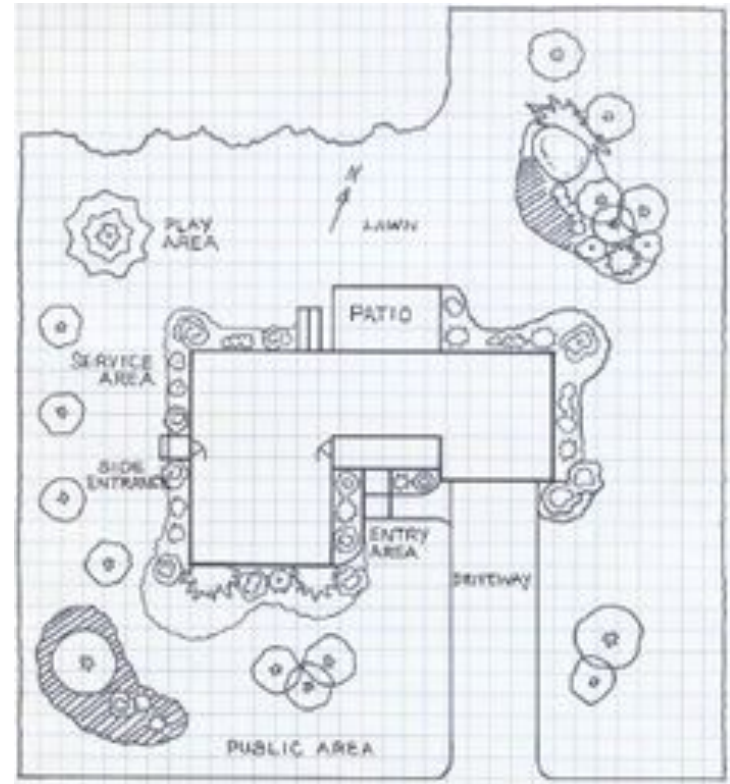
What to Bring

- A pad of vellum paper (see through)
- Mechanical or regular pencils with erasers
- Ruler or scale to represent feet and yards
- A plan drawing of your house on your lot
- Photographs from different sides of your yard and out the windows.



The Plan View

- Shape and dimension of the house
- Identify doors and windows
- Line of sight from windows
- View to frame or hide
- Noise to abate
- Other features?
- Potential use areas



Dreams, what to keep and what to give away

- Think of this as your dream plan
- The rule – only draw what you really want to keep.
- Most mature trees are valuable and can be worked into a design.
- Retaining walls, decks, patios and cement paths can be changed although it may be expensive

Windows



Views through windows



Something to hide, something to frame



Add a tree to the right



Add shrubs under the tree



Add groundcover under shrubs



Add an evergreen (Magnolia)



Add blinds to lower windows



Add lighter, more reflective bushes to left



Foundation Planting





Draw Your Windows, Doors and Views



“Use” Areas

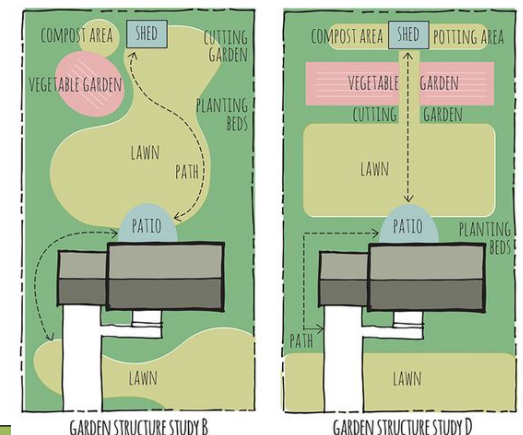
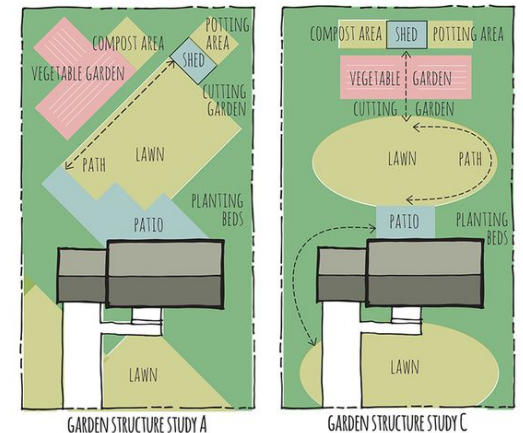
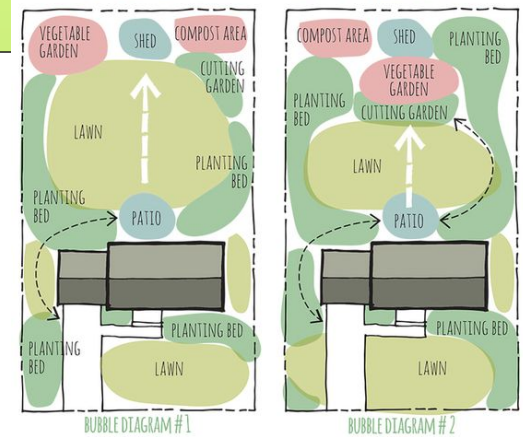
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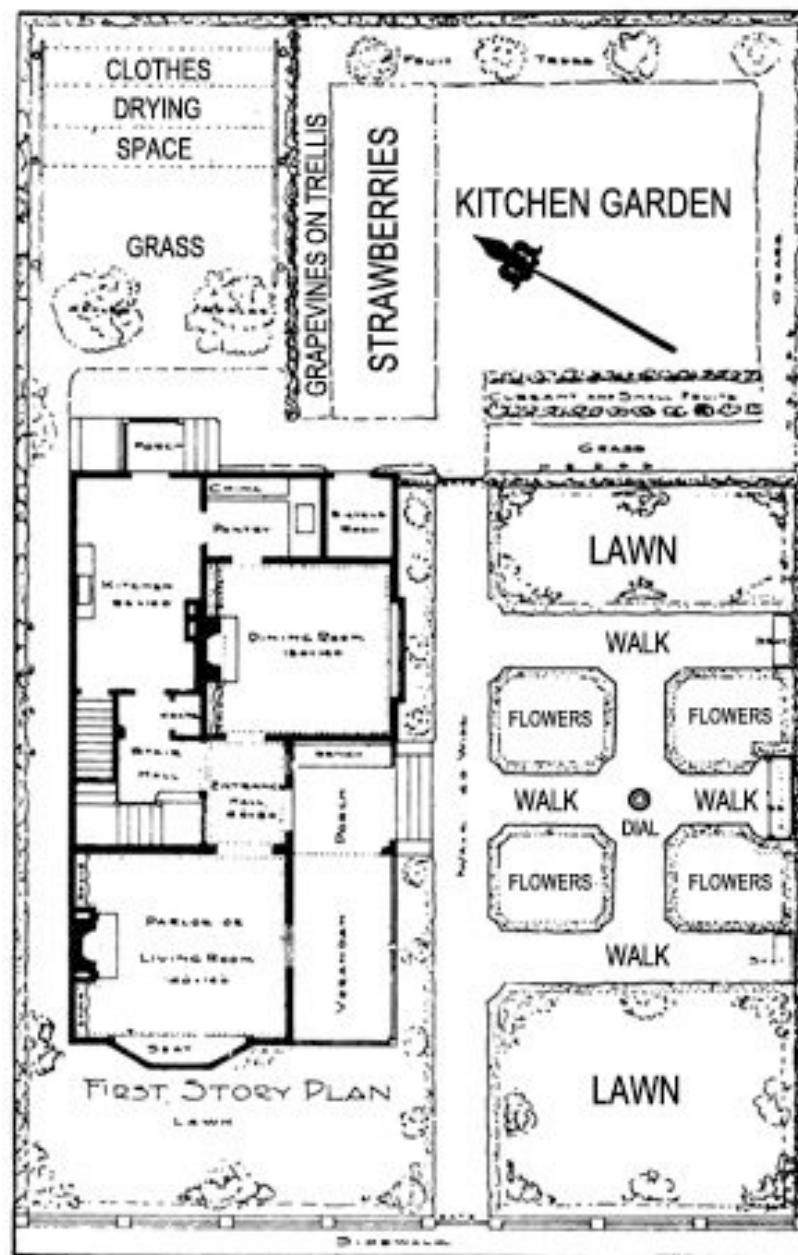
What do you really want on your property? A wild garden, a formal garden, an entertainment patio, a playground, tennis court, pool, dog area?

Take a sheet of tracing paper and lay it over your plot plan. Draw a few use areas. You can always change them later.

Don't worry about trees, shrubs or ground covers at this point.

Think about the concept of outdoor rooms.



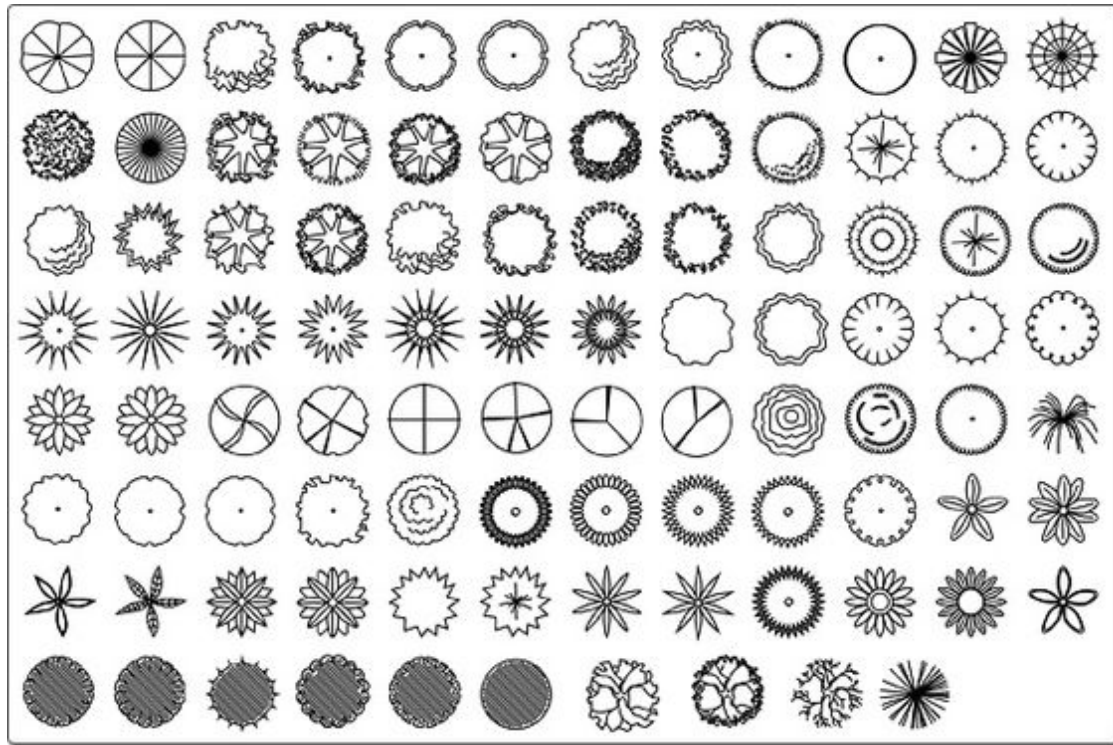


Symbols

- Place tracing paper over your house plan and area velum
- Identify existing trees you want to keep using symbols





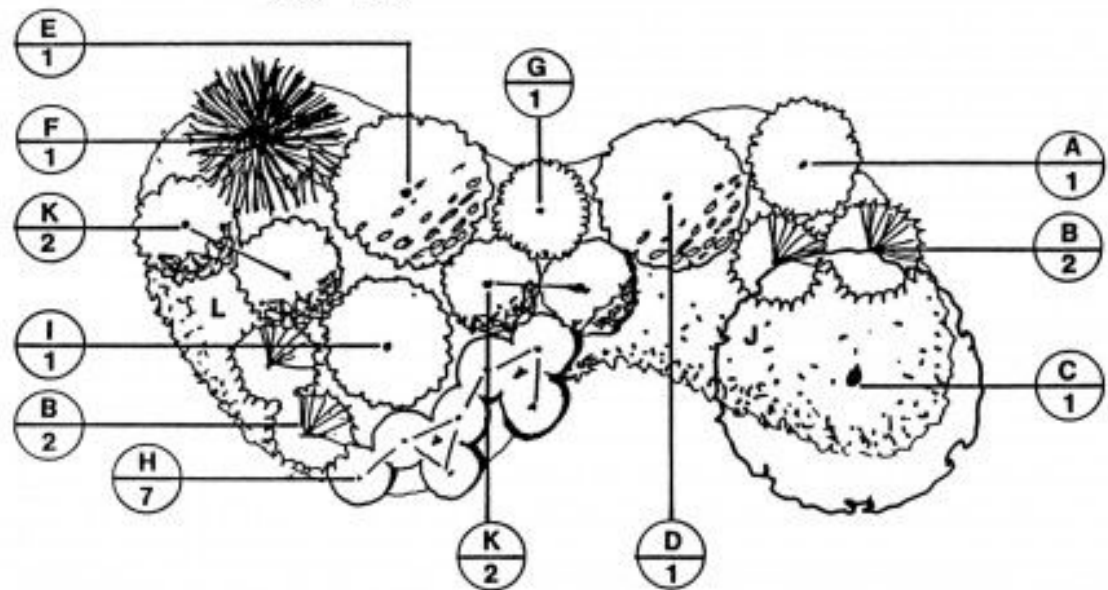


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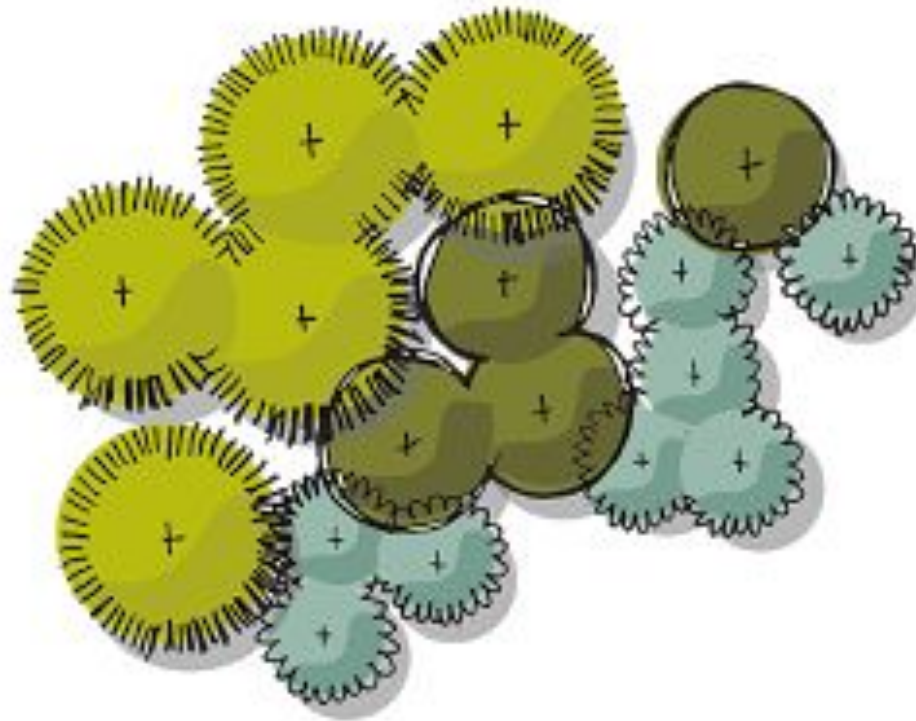
Raised beds

to

plan view



Group plants with like symbols









Your Landscape –

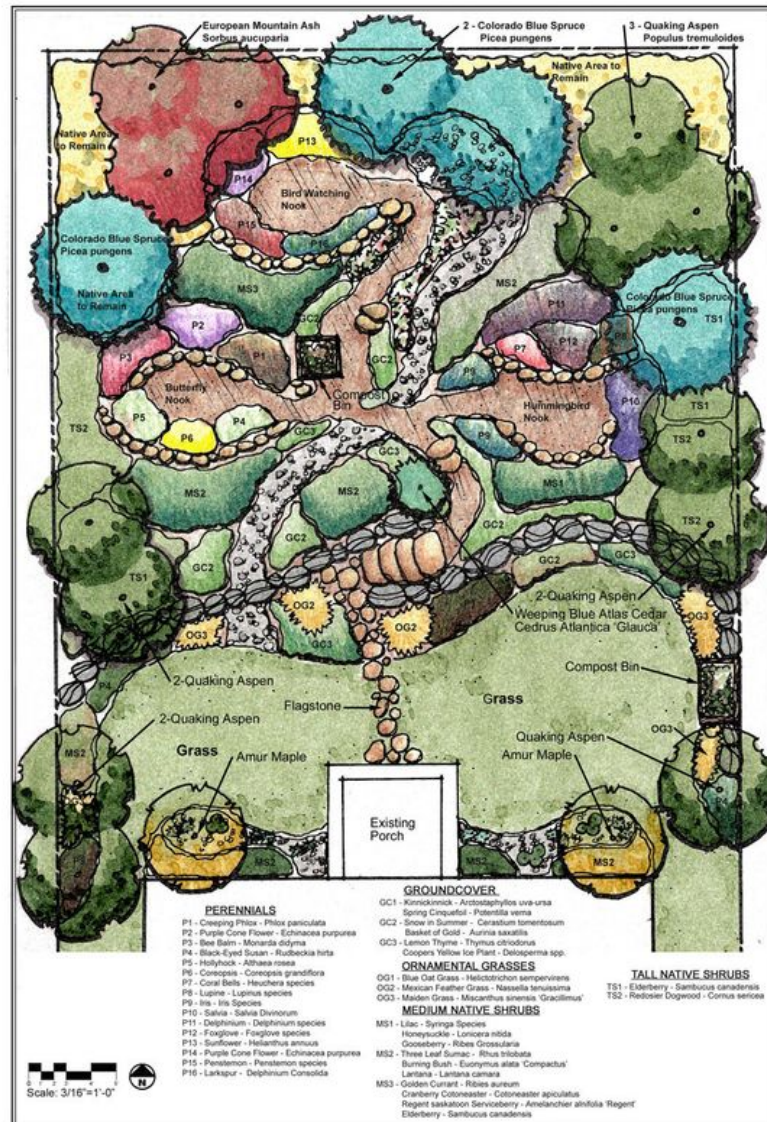
Add ideas of plants but don't identify them yet.

Note the screen to the left (could be any evergreen plant at this point).

Think about framing views, creating outdoor rooms, paths.







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overgrown landscapes!

