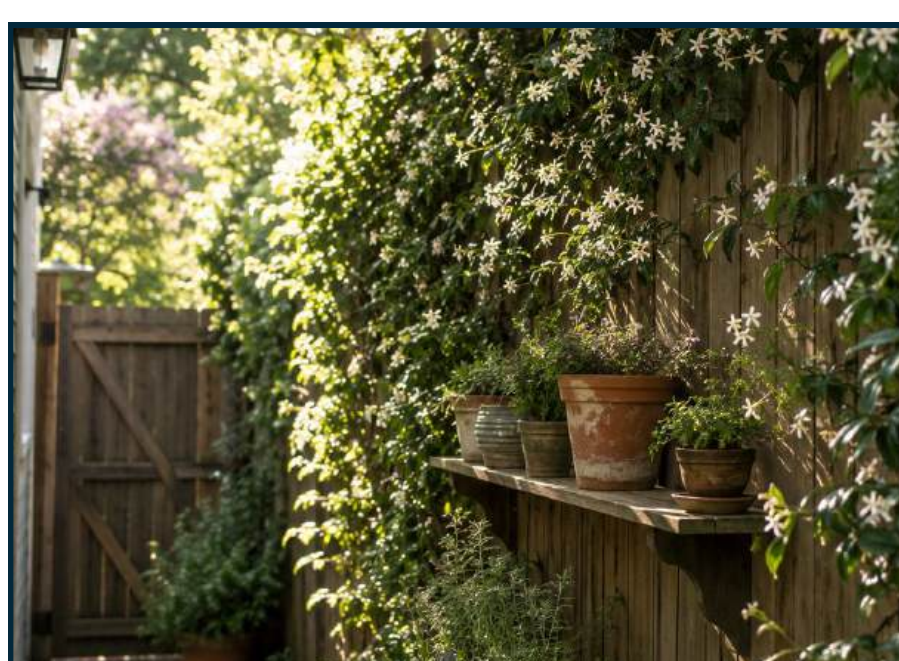


Ways to Make Your Small Garden Feel Bigger

1. Use Vertical Space to Your Advantage

Climbing plants, tall narrow trees, and stacked planters draw the eye upward. A pergola or overhead trellis helps define the space above, giving a small garden the feel of an outdoor room rather than a cramped area.



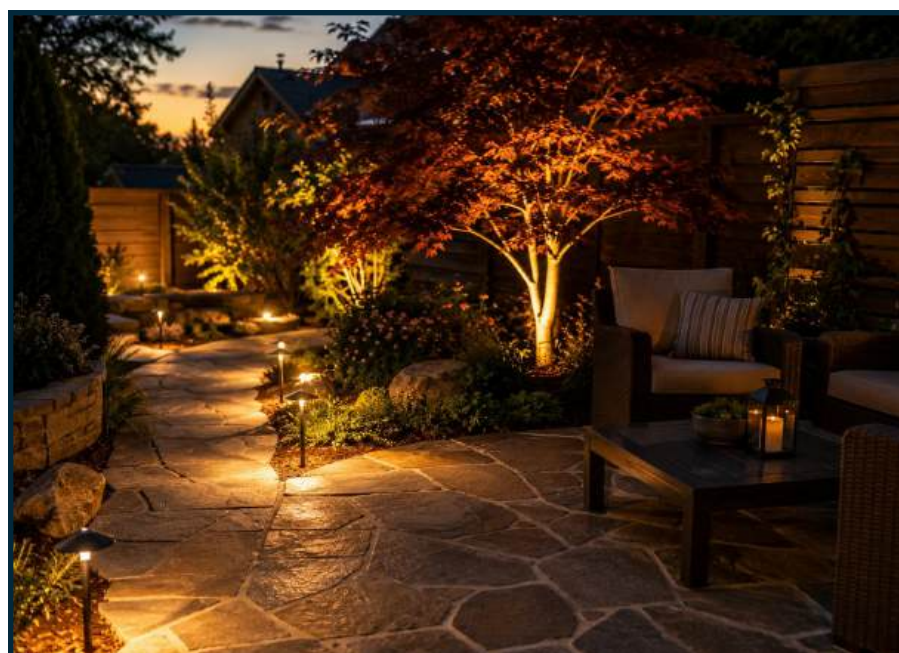
2. Choose Plants That Create Depth

Layering a focal point at the back with mid-sized plants and low ground covers in front creates depth. Areas of gravel, mulch, or open ground give the eye room to rest and help a garden feel balanced. In many cases, a little empty space makes a small garden feel much larger.



3. Brighten Things Up With Strategic Lighting

Lighting has a huge impact on how outdoor spaces feel, whatever the time of day. Light-colored pavers and gravel reflect sunlight during the day, while well-placed ground-level uplights and path lights highlight features and add depth after dark.

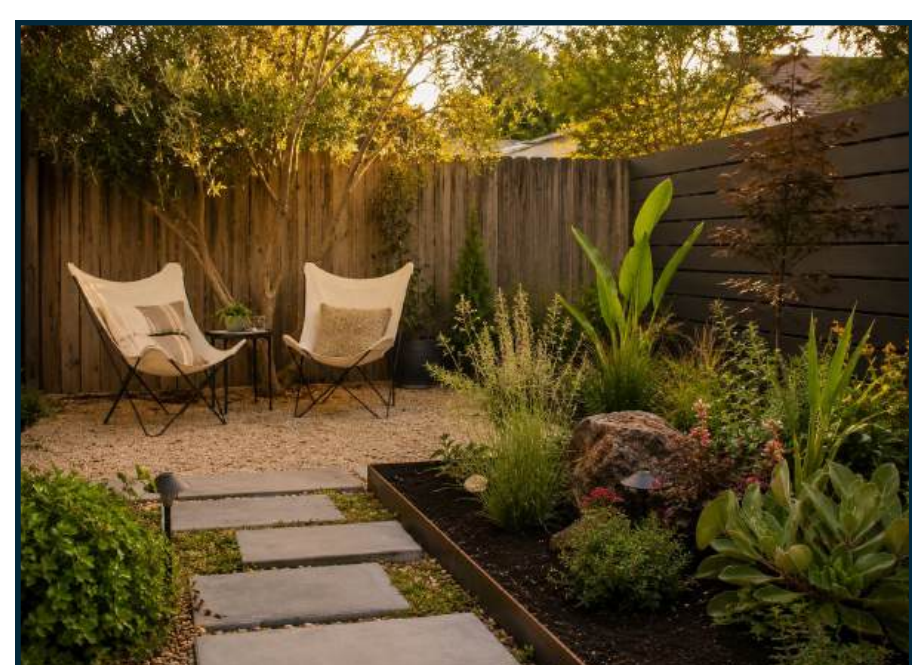


4. Keep Hardscape Lines Clean and Simple

Large-format pavers, simple borders, and curved pathways create a cleaner, less cluttered look, and hardscape lines that run away from the house help pull the eye outward, making a small yard feel deeper than it is.

5. Add Reflective Surfaces

A weather-resistant mirror mounted on a fence can create the illusion of a window into another space, and a small water feature adds another layer of depth by bouncing light around the garden and making it feel brighter and more open.



6. Create Zones That Feel Intentional

Dividing a small yard into a seating area, planting bed, and focal feature encourages movement through the space, and low hedges or stepping stones can mark the transitions without adding bulky structures, making the yard feel larger than one open stretch of lawn.

7. Layer Softscapes for Color and Texture

Color and texture do a lot of the heavy lifting. The right planting palette can make a space feel full of life and depth, rather than flat or empty. Mixing fine and broad-leaf textures keeps the eye moving and the garden feeling larger.



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