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INTERIOR STYLE ON A SHOESTRING

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a shady retreat

The big expense in an outdoor space is the hard landscaping—laying terraces and paths or building fences, pergolas, and benches—while pots and plants can be collected over time. You can sink a brick or stone path into the ground yourself, but take care as it ages—the worn tips of stone flags or bricks can be tripping hazards. Gravel is easier to lay and most garden centers sell it by the bag. If you can't afford a conservatory or summer house, a simple pergola offers a charming alternative.



right A delightful pergola outside the kitchen window offers shade on a hot day and filters the sunlight for a collection of pots below. The restrained use of color is particularly chic—the white parasol and wall with the cream canvas sunbeds add up to a very stylish haven.

below left These weathered planters in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors are the basis of a small kitchen garden. Herbs, salad vegetables, beans, tomatoes, and chilies can all be grown productively in this small space.

below You can collect pots from anywhere. Mix supermarket finds with the occasional expensive stoneware urn or even a souvenir of holidays abroad, such the Moroccan pot on the left. Large tins, sinks, and troughs can also be converted to use as pots.



