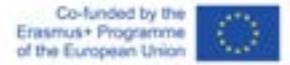


# Useful tips & links to help you succeed with your **URBAN GARDEN**



## WHERE TO LOCATE YOUR GARDEN?

[SUNCALC \(LINK\)](#) | Set your location on the map and see how the sun is moving in where you are situated. This will help you with deciding where to locate your garden and what to plant in it. If you are gardening in Northern Europe, you might want to optimize as much sunlight as possible for your plants. Then again if your country/region is really hot and dry, suncalc might help you find some possible gardening areas in where you can succeed without the need of constant watering.

## BUILDING GROWING CONTAINERS AND VERTICAL STRUCTURES

Though manufactured growing containers are available, it is part of the fun to build your own. It is often more budget friendly and more environmentally sound since you can use recycled/waste wood. Self-made growing containers can be lined for example with recycled cardboard or jute fibre. There are some things to consider when building and setting up your containers:

- What is under the container? [How to build a raised bed on pavement \(link\)?](#)
- [How to fill your container \(link\)?](#)
- How to create versatility in your urban garden? Could there be some [vertical structures \(link\)?](#)

## WHICH PLANTS CAN BE GROWN TOGETHER?

[COMPANION PLANTS \(LINK\)](#) | In an urban environment the only gardening option you have is a container garden. In containers, you most likely don't have the change to build soil with a natural resilience that comes over time through the build-up of soil micro-organisms and essential fungi. This might result in a more vulnerable setting in your garden. Knowing, which plants grow well together by helping and protecting each other, might come in handy in this case! Some plants also enhance the taste of others when grow together.

- [MORE ON COMPANION PLANTING \(link to pdf\)](#)
- [COMPANION PLANTS IN FINNISH \(link to Hyötykasviyhdistys\)](#)

## READ MORE

Toby Hemenway:  
Gaia's Garden

John Stika:  
Soil Owner's  
Manual

Masanobu  
Fukuoka:  
The One Straw  
Revolution