Seven Sins of Garden Design
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After decades of meeting with frustrated gardeners, landscape designer Rebecca Sweet has broken down the primary causes of garden-related headaches into seven main categories.

Mistakes such as single season gardens, overcrowding, and one-of-each-itis (to name just a few) can often derail the best of intentions. Using photos and solutions that are inspiring, informative, and easy to put into practice, you’ll soon be on your way to a glorious garden.

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- Creating a single season garden
- Believing the no-maintenance myth
- Suffering from one-of-each-itis
- Overcrowding a new garden
- Tiny garden = tiny plants
- Contrast is lacking
- Taking things too seriously!
Presentation Plant List

Four season gardening
- *Viburnum carlcephalum* zones 6-9
- *Ribes sanguineum* ‘Claremont’ zones 6-9
- *Weigela* ‘French Lace’, ‘Spilled Wine’
- *Chaenomeles* ‘Cameo’ (Quince)
- *Vitex* ‘Blue Diddley’ Chaste Tree zone 5-9
- *Lagerstroemia* Black Diamond zone 7-9
- *Potentilla fruiticosa* ‘Gold Finger’ and ‘Mango Tango’ zones 4-8
- *Caryopteris* ‘Lil Miss Sunshine’ zones 5-9
- *Pieris japonica* ‘Mountain Fire’ zone 5-8
- *Cercis canadiensis* ‘Ruby Falls’ zones 5-9
- *Hydrangea* ‘Sykes Dwarf’ & ‘Ruby Slippers’
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- *Snowberry* ‘Charming Fantasy’ zones 3-7
- *Rhaphiolepis* ‘Blueberry Muffin’ z7-10
- *Edgeworthia chrysantha* grandiflora 7-10
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- *Mahonia* ‘Winter Sun’
- *Hamamelis var.* (Witch Hazels) zones 5-7
- *Cornus stolonifera* ‘Flaviramea’ zones 4-8
- *Cornus sericea* ‘Kelseyi’ zones 4-8
- *Ceanothus* ‘Julia Phelps’ zones 7b-10
- *Ceanothus* ‘Marie Simon’ zones 7b-10
- *Loropetalum* ‘Emerald Snow’ zones 7-10
- *Eleagnus* ‘Gilt Edge’ zones 6-9
- *Arctostaphylos* ‘Howard McMinn’ z. 6-9
- *Nandina* ‘Flirt’ 1.5’x1.5’ zones 6-10
- *Nandina* ‘Obsession’ 4’x4’ zones 6-10
- *Arborvitae* ‘Golden Globe’ zones 4-8
- *Thuja occidentalis* ‘Filiformis’ zones 4-8

Lo-maintenance (not NO-maintenance!)
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Contrast is King – light & airy vs. bold
- *Hosta* ‘Mouse Ears’ 2’x2’
- *Daphne* ‘Marianni’ 3x3 zones 6-10
- *Calycanthus* ‘Aphrodite’ 5’x5’ zone 5-9
- *Asparagus densiflorus* ‘Myers’ zone 9-11
- *Acer* ‘Shaina’ 4’x4’ zones 5-9
- *Liriope* ‘Silvery Sunproof’ zones 6-9
- *Aruncus aethusifolius* (dwarf goatsbeard) Zones 3-9

Create the illusion of space
- *Hosta* varieties
- *Mahonia* ‘Soft Caress’ zone 7-9
- *Aruncus* zone 3-8
- *Rodgersia* zone 3-8
- *Bergenia* varieties zone 4-8

Create plenty of contrast
- *Crocosmia* ‘Lucifer’ zones 6-9
- *Symphytum x uplandicum* ‘Axminster Gold’ zone 4-7
- *Asplenium nidis* (Birds Nest Fern) z 11
- *Acacia cognata* ‘Cousin Itt’ zone 9-11

Additional Info
- The Winter Garden at Washington Park Arboretum
  https://harmonyinthegarden.com/the-winter-garden-at-washington-park-arboretum/
- Cold Hardy Manzanitas
  https://www.pacifichorticulture.org/articles/arctostaphylos-for-pacific-northwest-gardens/
- Lessons in Form and Shape
- Small Space Before-and-After
  https://harmonyinthegarden.com/lisas-side-yard/