

MB Brainstorming Pages

This is your opportunity to provide direction and inspiration for your garden design. Have fun and be creative with your answers to the following questions....brainstorm! Feel free to attach sketches or images you may have collected from magazines or other resources that represent ideas or styles that are appealing to you. Make a copy of your Site Map, if you wish, and sketch/collage ideas directly on the drawing.

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email:
4. Telephone:
5. Name and age of everyone living in household, include pets:

6. Overall character of existing garden (check boxes as applicable):

active	crowded	ordered	unique
still	sparse	naturalistic	ordinary
bright	dramatic	playful	stark
dark	understated	sophisticated	lush
busy	formal	relaxing	colorful
serene	informal	energizing	monochromatic
cheerful	interesting	stimulating	classic
somber	boring	meditative	funky

Other:

7. Overall character of desired garden (check boxes as applicable):

active	crowded	ordered	unique
still	sparse	naturalistic	ordinary
bright	dramatic	playful	stark
dark	understated	sophisticated	lush
busy	formal	relaxing	colorful
serene	informal	energizing	monochromatic
cheerful	interesting	stimulating	classic
somber	boring	meditative	funky

Other:

8. Describe your dreams and vision of desired garden...what is its character and/or its role in your life?

9. What are your favorite outdoor activities? Which ones do you hope to accommodate in your new garden?
Be as specific as possible (for example: number of people outdoor dining should accommodate, size of desired lawn for a specific lawn game, particular celebrations you may host outdoors).

10. Architectural style of home (for example: Craftsman, Modern, Prairie, Victorian):

11. Describe character of neighborhood or region (house styles, garden styles, native landscape, etc.);
how do you feel this local context should/should not relate to the design of your garden?

12. Is water conservation important to you? Other sustainability issues or goals?

13. Describe your anticipated installation approach (hire a contractor, do-it-yourself, phase installation over time, etc.):

14. Anticipated construction budget:

15. Describe your anticipated approach to maintenance (for example: self-maintained-low maintenance,
self-maintained-enjoy gardening once/week, professional maintenance quarterly):

For questions 16 through 21, please address each area of your garden separately:

16. Elements desired in Front Yard:

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
birds	fireplace/fire pit	patio	rain water barrel	sunny area
butterflies	fountain	play structure	sculpture	terracing
compost	fruit trees	pond	shady area	vegetable garden
courtyard	furniture	pool, reflecting	social spaces	walls
covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

16a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

16b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

16c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden:

17. Elements desired in Back Yard:

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
birds	fireplace/fire pit	patio	rain water barrel	sunny area
butterflies	fountain	play structure	sculpture	terracing
compost	fruit trees	pond	shady area	vegetable garden
courtyard	furniture	pool, reflecting	social spaces	walls
covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

17a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

17b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

17c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden:

18. Elements desired in Side Yard (describe location):

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
birds	fireplace/fire pit	patio	rain water barrel	sunny area
butterflies	fountain	play structure	sculpture	terracing
compost	fruit trees	pond	shady area	vegetable garden
courtyard	furniture	pool, reflecting	social spaces	walls
covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

18a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

18b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

18c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden:

19. Elements desired in Side Yard (describe location):

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
birds	fireplace/fire pit	patio	rain water barrel	sunny area
butterflies	fountain	play structure	sculpture	terracing
compost	fruit trees	pond	shady area	vegetable garden
courtyard	furniture	pool, reflecting	social spaces	walls
covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

19a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

19b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

19c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden:

20. Elements desired in Other Yard (describe location):

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
birds	fireplace/fire pit	patio	rain water barrel	sunny area
butterflies	fountain	play structure	sculpture	terracing
compost	fruit trees	pond	shady area	vegetable garden
courtyard	furniture	pool, reflecting	social spaces	walls
covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

20a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

20b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

20c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden:

21. Elements desired in Other Yard (describe location):

arbor	cutting garden	gardening shed	pool house	sports court
barbeque	deck	lighting	privacy screen	steps
bench	driveway	parking	private retreat	storage area
birdbath	fence	path	rain garden	storage shed
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covered space	garbage/recycle	pool, swimming	spa (hot tub)	wildlife habitat

Other:

21a. Time of day this area will most likely be used:

21b. Microclimate of this area (hot, windy, shady, sunny, dry, wet, etc.):

21c. Use character terms from question #8 to describe the future feel of this area of your garden: