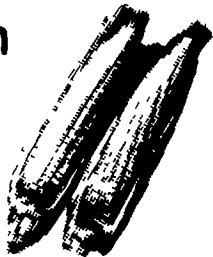


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of food, the good taste of fresh fruit and vegetables, lack of space for a vegetable garden or orchard and the development of dwarf vegetable and fruit varieties are only a few of the reasons that are leading many gardeners to incorporate plants for food into their edible landscape.

Edible landscaping is easy. Instead of planting an ornamental, add a vegetable or fruit or nut tree. The green, yellow or bronze leaves of various lettuces make an attractive trim to the rose garden. Clumps of chives and other low growing herbs can be used to edge the perennial border. Set an eggplant or pepper rather than an annual flower into a spot in the sun. The fruit will add color to the garden and food to the table.

For the front lawn, how about a fruit tree instead of one that flowers only? Against a wall or trellis, try training vines of

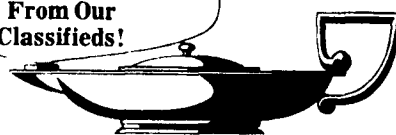
tomatoes, cucumbers or peas. Where a filler or edging is needed in the flower or shrub border, remember that carrots, parsnips and asparagus have lacy, fern-like foliage. For a more colorful touch, the leaves of beets, Swiss chard or rhubarb contrast well with most shrubs and flowers. Dual purpose blueberries, quince, gooseberries and currants made handsome shrubs, and strawberries make a

pretty AND delicious ground cover. If space is very limited, color the sky and spot the patio or steps with baskets and containers of dwarf tomatoes, squash or ornamental peppers.

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