

Helping Your Garden Grow (almost anywhere)



OK, so you're a gardener or thinking about becoming one. Now that the weather is *finally* warming up, you can't wait to get out into your garden. Except that you may or may not actually have *ground to cultivate*. And/or very little sun. Not a problem. There are ways around this seemingly insurmountable challenge.

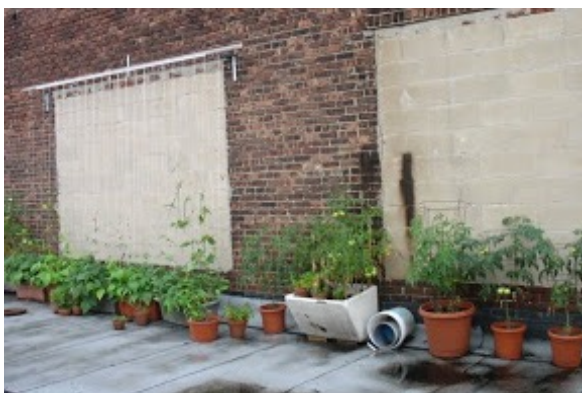
Years ago, a gardening instructor recommended growing tomatoes in gutters. As in the ones attached to your roof. Since we don't get much rain during the summer months in California, this seemed like a plausible, if not Totally Entertaining, idea. Dangling tomatoes. So easy to harvest. Absolutely no doubt about when to clean the gutters before winter rains arrived. I liked parts of this idea a lot.





You can imagine my delight in discovering that our NYC friends, Martin and Melanie, had come close to my original vision: creating a rooftop garden just outside their second-floor art studio. The first two pictures were taken during winter/not exactly the height of production. Still, I think it demonstrates just how resourceful one can be with little or no obvious ground to cultivate.

Take a look at how successful Gardening in Small Spaces worked for M and M the following summer.



Another day I'll tell you about taking your garden for a walk. If you have kids/grandchildren/any *child at heart* in your life, I

promise that you're going to enjoy this novel FP concept.

So, get out there – go shopping for seeds and seedlings to plant in the ground, in pots, in window boxes or in another, yet-to-be-revealed idea. Stay tuned.