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the modern landscape

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Today, a garden is just as important as the kitchen. A well-planned garden will make life easier, and makes your house feel like home.

So what does that all mean to you? If you're starting from scratch you have a golden opportunity to get it right. Don't just do what everyone else is doing and plant the same plants in the same way.

Ideas start with a small seed, a small element that grows. I have heard of gardens that all started with the placement of a single tree or urn and then everything was modelled from that point.

Like anything that is challenging, taking small steps is important. Start with pencil and paper and scratch out what you are thinking. Then remodel until you reach a point you are happy with.

Be practical and remember your budget.

Lots of hard surfaces and structure will be more expensive than soft landscape such as plantings and lawn.

If you are engaging a professional to help with the design and implementation you can take a step back from this process and enjoy watching as another sees the potential for your lot.

Remember that it's your garden and you need to live with the decisions being made, so don't just go with something that doesn't seem right to you without asking a few questions.

With today's lot sizes reducing and garden options increasing, we tend to see a lot of every option jammed into a small front garden. We recommend that discipline is needed to find a theme and stick with it.

Remember the important role trees play in the landscape and if you have the opportunity to plant a tree you should. They provide so much to a garden and the land we inhabit. Feel free to check out our concept series gardens.

While not suitable for everyone, the gardens offer a landscape solution to home owners without a high cost and long design processes.

If you need any help designing and implementing your garden feel free to contact Ocean Road Landscaping. Phone 1300 61 62 63 or visit www.orl.com.au



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