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But regardless of your back-ground, you will find that every garden of today, screens make good view controls. Even a tool shed can be ornamental. Perhaps it might be placed at right angles to the house or garage, and provide a wall of effect and some privacy.

By the way, when you think of building a tool house, decide what you would like it to house, then double the size to allow room for the valuable garden equipment and packages of garden aids now on the market.



Mrs. Burlingame

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GARDEN tool structures can be real eye-catchers as well as providing storage space. Imagine shelves that extend out for hospitality tables, overhanging roofs to give rain protection and so on. There could be a shelf for potted plants under an "egg crate" roof.

Other valuable accessories for your garden might be generous-sized redwood benches with raised-up ends so you could keep toes in shade. Padded plastic cushions would make them comfortable.

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