

Plant Your Own Joy Questionnaire

To help me guide you towards creating your perfect tiny outdoor space, it would be great if you could answer these questions as fully as possible.

It will give me the best possible insight into your dream garden before we chat.
Thank you!

About You

What's your name?

Are you a returning client? Yes/No

1. How would you describe your gardening skills and knowledge?

Please tick any that apply

- ☐ Total beginner - I know nothing about plants! (that's completely fine)
- ☐ I know how to pot up a plant but I don't know how to attract bees.
- ☐ I'm confident with my practical gardening skills but need help choosing the right plants for my space.
- ☐ I'm happy with my gardening knowledge but am looking for expert input.
- ☐ Other:

2. How many hours a week would you like to spend nurturing your garden?

- ☐ 15 minutes
- ☐ Up to an hour
- ☐ 1-2 hours
- ☐ 2-3 hours
- ☐ As much time as necessary
- ☐ Other:

3. What's your rough budget? (I just need an approximation)

- ☐ £15 – I need to start small (absolutely understandable)
- ☐ Up to £50
- ☐ Up to £100
- ☐ Up to £200
- ☐ No budget – I want impact quickly!
- ☐ Other:

4. Do you have any access requirements?

For example: Low energy levels, difficulty lifting heavy things, difficulty bending, difficulty with memory etc.

5. Do you have pets or young children? (Some plants are toxic!)

6. Do you leave your space for long periods of time? (Do your plants need to withstand some neglect?)

Anything else?



About Your Garden

7. Where will you put your plants?

On the kitchen windowsill? By the back door? How about flowerbeds or borders?

8. Roughly how big is your space?

9. What direction does your space face? (your phone probably has a compass app)

- ☐ North
- ☐ East
- ☐ South
- ☐ West
- ☐ Other:

10. Roughly how much sun does your space get? Are there any tall trees/ fences/ buildings that make it very shady?

- ☐ Very shaded, little light
- ☐ Some shade, some light
- ☐ Lots of light, but no direct sun
- ☐ Full direct sun
- ☐ Other:

11. What's your soil like? - tick any that apply - if you're not sure, don't worry

- ☐ Clay - heavy and soggy
- ☐ Sandy - very quick draining
- ☐ Neutral - pretty good for growing
- ☐ Acid
- ☐ Alkali

12. How many plants would you like to start with?

- ☐ Just one, to begin with, to see how I get on.
- ☐ Two to four, I'm happy to be guided.
- ☐ Five. I want to make a bold statement in my tiny garden.
- ☐ Other

13. What are your favourite colours and combinations?

For example: I love blues, purples and whites, but I'm not so keen on oranges and reds.

14. What are your favourite plants/trees/shrubs and any you dislike? What styles of garden do you like? (It's fine if you don't know)

For example: I love tulips and roses, but don't like daisy-type flowers. I like loose, cottagey, informal gardens.

15. What do you want to get out of your garden?

For example: I'd like some tough flowering shrubs that can stand up to footballs being kicked around. Or maybe a tranquil, fragrant area for a bench where I can enjoy a drink on warm evenings.

Any specific requests?

For example: I'd love to grow a tiny tree, a rose and some fragrant flowers - can you help? (Absolutely, I can!)

Thank you for your time!

When you've finished the questionnaire and are happy with your answers, please send me an email at rowan@rowan-ambrose.com

NB I research all my recommended plants meticulously, and only suggest ones that are suitable for small to medium sized gardens. However, it's really important you check for any power lines, drainage pipes, wobbly walls/fences etc to make sure any planting isn't going to cause any structural problems for you or your neighbours.