

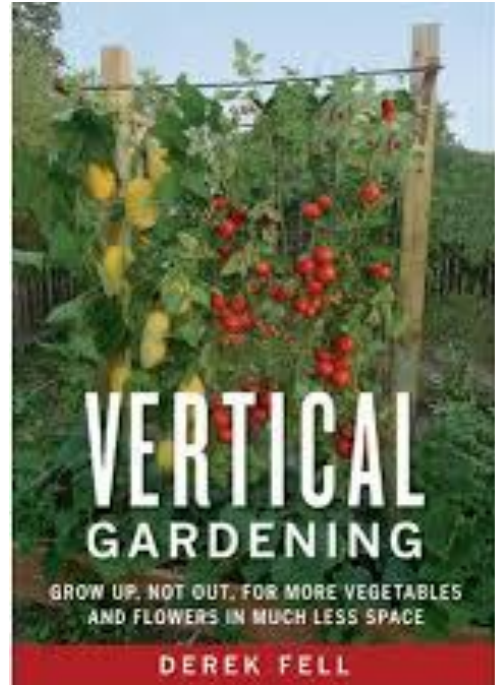
Book of the Month for March

The book of the month for March is **VERTICAL GARDENING**, written by Derek Fell in 2011.

The biggest mistake we gardeners make each year is starting out too big and then quickly realizing that our large plot requires too much weeding, watering, and backbreaking labor.

Vertical gardening guarantees a better outcome from day one by shrinking the amount of “garden” space needed and focusing on climbing plants that are less prone to insects, diseases, and animal pests.

The author and gardener Derek Fell has tried and tested thousands of varieties of vegetables, flowers, and fruits and recommends the best plants for space-saving vertical gardening. His “grow-up, grow-down” system also shows which ground-level plants make good companions underneath and alongside climbing plants. Best of all, many of Fell’s greatest climbers and mutually beneficial plants are available in seed packets in every local garden center.



With a mix of DIY and commercially available string supports, trellises, pergolas, raised beds, skyscraper gardens, and hanging planters, the vertical garden system reduces work, increases yields, makes harvesting easier, and can be practiced in small spaces. The book features 100 color photos of the author’s own vertical methods and showcases beautiful, trouble-free perennials, shrubs, vegetables, annuals, and fruit perfect for this new, rewarding way to garden. So, if you want to spend less time on your knees weeding or bending down to smell the flowers or harvest your bounty.... You should take out this book! Also check out these 5 other new books in our library....

- **1000 Gardening Questions and Answers.**
- **The Small Garden**
- **The Garden Expert- DIY**
- **Diary of a Compost Hotline Operator.**
- **Best Garden Plants for British Columbia.**

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