

THE MAKING OF A GARDEN SHED

My Secret? “Upcycle” the Kids’ Playstructure!



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Finding Your Inspiration ►

I’d had the idea for years. Once the time was right to actually DO it, I Googled for some inspirations. This was only marginally helpful, since there weren’t many people creating a garden oasis from an old play structure. I had to use my imagination!! No problem.



Some examples I found were cute, but more enclosed than I intended mine to be, and they seemed a little more fussy too. Never-the-less they were inspirational and got the creative juices flowing.



The above example was the closest idea to what I had in mind, but they chose to retain the playstructure feel and just add the garden. I wanted to “lose” the play structure origins.

▼ The original play structure; it was fun in its day, but once the kids outgrew it, I claimed it as my own!



1
The Original Structure

▼ Here is the Photoshop plan derived from that original photo. Never a bad idea to “see” it first.



2
The Initial “Sketch”

▼ The day we “brought the house down” . . . Richard and I (and Coco). Beforehand we dismantled a few things, then repositioned it with a slight angle toward the house.



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We Did It . . . July 4, 2015

▼ We added a few accoutrements, plants, and a colored glass collection. Most were things we already owned—even the plants!



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How She Looks 2 Months Later