



Small Garden Builder: 5 Gentle Steps (Zone 9)

Your faith-filled guide to intentional small garden building.

How to Use This Printable:

This guide is meant to be used slowly. One step — one small action — is enough.



STEP 1: OBSERVE YOUR SPACE

Observation Checklist:

- Notice where morning sun lands
- Identify areas of strong afternoon heat
- Watch how water moves after rain
- Feel for breezy or sheltered spots
- Choose a space you'll naturally walk past

Reflection:

What is revealed when I slow down enough to watch instead of rush?

 **Grace Note:**

The garden speaks quietly. Wisdom begins with listening.



Notes & Observations:

STEP 2: CHOOSE A STRUCTURE THAT FITS YOUR LIFE



Raised beds

Containers

In-ground beds

Vertical growing

Reflection:

Where am I being invited to choose **faithfulness over perfection**?

My Choice:



STEP 3: PREPARE THE SOIL

Checklist:

- Remove weeds or grass
- Loosen soil 8 -10 inches
- Add compost generously
- Water and mulch



 **Grace Note:**

Hidden work prepares the way for future growth.

Soil Prep Notes:

Date: _____ What I did: _____

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STEP 4: PLANT WITH THE SEASON

Cool-season crops

greens, herbs, roots

Warm-season crops

tomatoes, peppers, squash



Reflection:

Where am I being asked to trust **timing**?

What I Planted:

Date: _____ Planted: _____

Date: _____ Planted: _____

Date: _____ Planted: _____

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STEP 5: TEND WITH SIMPLE RHYTHMS

15-Minute Rhythm:

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Look	Touch
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Water	Tidy
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Harvest	



Reflection:

What small rhythm can I return to **consistently**?

My Garden Rhythm:

May your hands find peace in the soil, and your heart learn to trust slow growth.

