



# **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:

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# STEP 5: TEND WITH SIMPLE RHYTHMS

## 15-Minute Rhythm:

OO	YY
<b>Look</b>	<b>Touch</b>
WL	BR
<b>Water</b>	<b>Tidy</b>
HC	
<b>Harvest</b>	



## Reflection:

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

## My Garden Rhythm:

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

