

Herbs traditionally are planted in geometric shapes, with plants grouped according to flavor or fragrance. One of the simplest designs consists of four beds with intersecting paths. The design can be modified by enlarging the beds and adding more paths.

Another simple, traditional design consists of two three-foot paths crossing at their midpoints. The four square herb beds may be bordered with brick or stones.

The wagon wheel is also a popular design. Bricks or stones are sunk into the ground to form the "spokes" and "rim." Herbs are planted in the wedge segments.

Appearance is important in the traditional herb garden. Keep the walks trimmed and use mulches to combat weeds and retain moisture.