

# Mumbo Jumbo

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## Chapter 6

*“All gardeners know better than other gardeners.”*

Chinese proverb

My astute wife nailed it when she characterized our gardening approach as mumbo jumbo. That is, a little bit of this a little bit of that here and there. But wait: I don't mean chaos. I mean that when gardeners choose their plants and planting with consistent personal criteria, the garden will reflect that consistency and harmony regardless whether someone else considers it to be harmonious or not. In other words, garden the way you want, not the way someone else thinks is right. We put perennials with bushes next to trees. We like color in flowers, evergreens, green green green, lots of hostas and day lilies, basil, oregano, marjoram, and rosemary spilling out of wooden boxes, tomatoes, zucchini and cukes hiding their bounty under their scratchy leaves. Bamboo of course, yes, in huge pots. Just plant what you like where your eye directs you. You will be happy with your own mumbo jumbo.



- Isn't that what our lives are like, beautiful mumbo jumbo?