

Assistant Professor Dr. Nutt Phichakarm. (2021, December), 10 things you should know about choosing plants for a Japanese garden atmosphere: Home and Garden 46 (544) : 118-121

In addition to the main elements portrayed in Japanese gardens such as water, rocks, fences, walkways, stone lanterns and stone basins, Trees are another important element. which many people who want to do Japanese gardening but still not confident in the principles of how the plants should be placed So we found the answer from the Japanese Garden in Thailand book. to be able to use in the garden

**1. Plant in groups** Japanese gardens do not use many types of trees scattered throughout the garden. Each group will have relationship in shape for flowers When it's time to see the beauty of the many flowers

**2. high and low rhythm** Trees should be planted with different heights. even if they are of the same type of plant Create an interesting dimension in the garden

**3. Create a foreground and background.** Plant trees that create a view of the garden both near and far according to the conditions of the area.

**4. Leave some space,** plant tall plants on the sides or corners of the garden. by giving the ground area in the middle of the garden an open space

**5. Make a stand out with plants.** Use a single, distinctive tree to create a highlight in the garden. Beautiful flowers blooming in the middle of the grassy field.

**6. Focus on white.** Japanese gardens will use few types of flowers. If you want to plant, they tend to separate zones. by planting in groups Or plot in a specific area to create a point of interest, such as an Idrangea garden, an iris garden.

**7. There are plants that convey the seasons.** Plant some deciduous plants to see changes in the color of the leaves or flowers. It represents the changing seasons of the year. From green to orange or red, they add interesting colors to the garden.

**8. Use bamboo as a background** Japanese gardens often plant bamboo along walls to define boundaries or as a backdrop to the garden.

**9. Be meticulous with the wood along the bank** Opt for a small shrub with eye-catching foliage to plant along banks or ponds. to create a highlight.

**10. Replace grass with moss and catfish tentacles.** Try planting with moss and dwarf catfish tentacles as a ground cover instead. grass under the big tree or planted together with a rock garden It gives the garden a traditional atmosphere.

