

# 5 (Inexpensive) Tools For Small Space Gardening

If you've decided to take the plunge and start a garden, here are the top 5 tools you need to get started gardening in a small space. For more information, check out my post on **How to Start a Garden**.

**1. Gardening gloves**-These help protect your hands from drying out, as well as keep you from getting stung by a bee or bitten by a spider. You can often find decent ones at a dollar store. If you see them, buy several pairs. You'll have a spare if you lose one or if you need to garden and one set is in the washer.

**2. Scissors**-I use scissors everywhere in my garden. They are perfect to cut twine to tie plants up and to harvest veggies such as peppers and tomatoes. I buy several pairs each year from a dollar store and leave them in the garden all the time so I have a pair when I need them.

**3. Trowel**-To plant most transplants or seeds, you need a trowel. It doesn't have to be a super expensive one, but it does need to be sturdy. Your local home improvement store should have a good one.

**4. Stakes**-If you are going to grow any type of plant that needs to be trellised (tomatoes, beans, peas, etc.) then a few garden stakes will be very helpful. You can usually find something suitable at a home improvement store. Buy the sturdiest ones you can afford. I prefer 5' metal posts because they are easy to drive into the ground and can be used to support tomatoes. If you purchase several, you can use these same stakes to build simple trellises as well.

**5. Twine**-You will find all kinds of uses for twine in your garden. It can be purchased at a home improvement store, though I have sometimes found it in dollar stores too. Twine is so helpful to tie unruly plants to stakes to keep them from flopping over. Twine can also be used with stakes to make a trellis to support tall plants such as beans and peas. I always grow my cucumbers on a trellis too.

## Bonus

If you have a little extra in the budget I recommend a **children's gardening tool set**. When you are working in raised beds or small areas, you generally don't have as much room to maneuver as you do in a more traditional garden. A set of children's gardening tools is much lighter and easier to use in a small garden.