

## DIY Backyard Ideas for small yards!



As summer approaches, as you look at your backyard, are you feeling discouraged? Not enough space? Don't worry, bigger is not always better and with these few tricks and tips you'll be on the way to that perfect backyard sanctuary you'd dreamed of! These backyard DIY ideas for small backyards will not only let you maximize your space but will help with the beautification of your backyard area.

A great simple way to brighten your backyard is adding stringed lights to any type of infrastructure that can hold the lighting. You may think string lights are just for holidays, but they can be used for daily aesthetic appeal. This is a great way to make your backyard space look larger than it really is. Your visitors eye will go directly to the lightbulbs, which will dis-

tract them from focusing on how small the yard is by gazing in a more vertical perspective. Lights are a great way to open a world of possibilities in your small backyard. You can create an entire outdoor living space that your family and friends will love. Most string lights come in incandescent or LED varieties which gives off a unique benefit of enjoyable attractiveness all year long.

Creating your own fire pit lounge area is an incredible addition to your small backyard. By rearranging your current lounge chairs to surround the fire pit it will be easier for your friends and family to talk and enjoy them self. Creating a circular section in your small backyard will expand your little space by focusing on the aesthetics of the fire pit and design aspect.

Just because you feel like you don't have enough room for your kids doesn't mean they can't enjoy their backyard. A great way to make your small backyard more kid-friendly is to add a chalkboard to an old fence or stone wall. This is a creative, easy way that you can create more outdoor childhood memories for your children.

Every backyard property can benefit

from the addition of a deck or a pathway. Adding a small deck space in the backyard is another idea to expand your space. An addition of an inviting pathway attached to the deck will give it a larger expanded feel. Landscaping and nature-scaping with various walkways add an element of style and design to your backyard that can really open up the area and give the deception of a huge space.

One of the oldest, yet most clever tricks, to making a space look larger is to add a mirror. Merely position a large mirror on a wall facing the center of the backyard. You can then add different outdoor decor around the mirror to make it more stylish. By adding a small wooden planter under the mirror, suddenly its not just a mirror it's a planting station, all in the while making your yard look multiple times bigger.

So, start enjoying your backyard, just because its small doesn't mean you can't make it fun and interesting for all of your guests. Don't let your backyard intimidate you. Look outside the box (or in the case the small yard) and get creative by brainstorming your own DIY ideas.