

From small Bonsai seeds do large gardens grow. This is the most exciting thing about planting, maintaining, and nurturing a bonsai garden from its infancy. However, successfully growing a bonsai garden is not as easy as it sounds. You need the right tools, abilities, and accessories - to get the job done.

One of the most important accessories you can have for your bonsai garden is a bonsai pot. Depending on the type of plant you are planting, you may need anything from a rectangular planter, to a Houutoku bonsai pot (more on this later), to a standard indoor pot.

Let's start by understanding the best type of pots you will need for growing bonsai plant. The first consideration is the size of the plant when it is fully grown. Unless you want to re-pot the bonsai at some point down the line, starting the bonsai in an appropriately sized pot will have numerous cost-saving benefits. Always check the size guidelines of a particular bonsai plant before purchasing it, and additionally - always purchase the pot after you purchase the seeds.

The next decision you will have to make is whether or not you want a glazed bonsai pot. The difference between glazed and unglazed is obvious and immediately recognizable. Glazed pots have a shiny exterior, whereas unglazed pots usually have a matte finish. This is somewhat of a cosmetic decision. Will the your bonsai garden match best with and unglazed bonsai pot, or something else? Again, you need to make this decision before you purchase the pot.

The third and the queue of decisions is whether or not you need a rectangular planter. Obviously, rectangular planters allow less room for root growth horizontally, but usually compensate for this with vertical allowances. Your bonsai planter should be customized, with the variable dependent on root growth of your selected bonsai breed. Large bonsai's will probably not suit rectangular planters, whereas smaller bonsai gardens will do fine in such a pot.

In addition to the above advice, it also makes sense to have an individual bonsai tree placed in an oval Bonsai Pot - whereas multiple bonsai's in the same setting should do well in a stretched rectangular planter.

Furthermore, some bonsai trees have specific pots suited to their unique growing needs. For example, the Houutoku Bonsai pot is best suited to Houtoku trees - as these have shallow root bases, and hence are able to fit into shallow pots. Another example is the Mica Bonsai Pot - which is often made of tough ceramic material - and is meant for heavy duty bonsai use.

Whatever pot you choose to go with, keep in mind the advice that is listed above. Remember to always think in advance, and work out what your needs will be before you start growing the bonsai.