



Square Foot Victory Garden Layout

The original square foot unit is 4' x 4', or 16 square feet, which can supply one person with vegetables and salads. However, keep in mind, you can also make yours any size you want. But, remember, you want to be able to reach all sides of your garden. You can adapt the square foot principle to the space you have, as many do, and end up with two long parallel beds and several other smaller ones.

You may prefer long beds, units consisting of two parallel beds, each 4' wide and 8' long, with a 24" to 48" wide path between and around them. This is enough for two people, or if you want more or there are three of you, make two units with 6' long beds instead of 8', or two units with 8' long beds, and so on. Paths should normally be wide enough for a wheelbarrow.

Square foot beds should face the sun (south-facing in the Northern Hemisphere), so there's a front and a back. At the back, you can build a trellis for climbers, so if you want to make ranks of units, one behind another, they'll have to be quite far apart to allow the sun to reach the rear ones over the trellises in front. Otherwise have them in line. Or both. Or scatter them about wherever you can fit them into your yard.