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## HELP

**Q** I HAVE a ground-floor flat in a late Georgian house and even though there's only a small section of garden outside the building I'd like to create a few beds that reflect the style of the house. Can you give me any pointers? I'll have to do it myself on a budget.

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**A** THERE are several good books that will give you a feel for the design and planting of the period. Try *Georgian Gardens* by David Stewart (now out of print but you might find a copy at second-hand bookshops, order it from the library or go to [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com)).

But since grandiose landscapes of the "Capability" Brown type were the big Georgian thing, I suggest you go for the more "gardeny" style that came into fashion towards the end of the period under Humphry Repton.

He brought back the terrace and his gardens included areas for cultivating enthusiasts' plant collections set against a landscaped background of lawns and shrubs, so you'd find rose gardens, water gardens, and areas to take the big plant discoveries of the time, Chinese plants. They should adapt well to a small space.

