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Make Your Garden a Place of Endless **Fun and Sweet Memories** for the Most Important People in Your Life

What will make your children happiest in the garden? A large swing-set or slide? And do you really have to choose between both? The key to arranging a playground that your offspring will adore is to combine various elements and toys without cluttering the area. There should be enough space between the objects to allow safe and loose play. It's a good idea to choose playground equipment with bold colours that combine well – but this shouldn't be your primary goal. In order to arrange a playground well one should know the most common items of a typical playground and how to choose them. There follows a brief summary.



Playgrounds in Park



Children on play structure

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On the Playground, Swinging



Wood Swing Chair in the Garden



Parents Sitting With Children In the Garden

SWING SETS

If there's only one thing you can afford to have in your playground, it should be a swing-set. Kids enjoy swinging outside. It's not a very exhaustive activity and will keep them outdoors for long periods which they may otherwise spend indoors playing video games. There are different options available – plastic swing sets are a good choice and easy to re-locate, however metal and wooden swings can be more stable and durable. Metal may only be suitable during the winter months however. Due to the local climate metal surfaces can become very hot in direct sunlight. It is for this reason metal should be avoided where possible when choosing the equipment. When installing a swing-set bear in mind it requires extra space at the front and back to allow free and safe usage. The surface underneath should preferably be covered with sand, bark or rubber surface to prevent potential injuries and the structure should be completely stable.

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Three Girls Riding On See Saw In Playground



Happy Kids Playing on Slide



A Children's Playground with a Sandshovel

SEE SAW

A See-Saw is similar to a swing set as it also does not require energetic participation; two children of similar size can entertain each other on this piece of equipment for prolonged periods without external stimulus.

SLIDE

Slides are another toy children love to play on. They can be made of plastic or metal (don't choose metal) and again the ground surface should be of a soft material in the area where the kids drop off the slide. For this reason slides occupy quite a lot of the playground space regardless of the fact that they aren't big themselves. One good option is to buy a combined tool, a swing-set 'with' a slide attached and which is typically mounted on the side. Slides are affordable and don't require much maintenance so you should definitely consider one in your playground.

SPINNER

When I hear the word "spinner", my mind draws a picture from my childhood. At that time most spinners were available in public parks; they were usually large and could be used by many children simultaneously. Nowadays there are many designs of smaller spinners which are suitable for as little as two children, don't occupy much space, and are affordable. Some spinners are powered and more expensive, while others are entirely hand driven.

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Playground with Little Girl



Child on Playground on Spring Rider



Happy family on Playground in Sand Pit

CLIMBER

Climbers are very useful for the physical development of children. They are often ignored by parents because they are considered less fun. But a small climber can be a part of a swing set or installed next to a garden fence or wall and will take little or no space. Simple climbers are not expensive and easy to install. Of course there are more complex and larger climbers like the popular outdoor domes but they require a much larger area. If you have space restrictions it is better to look for more compact versions and combinations between swing-sets and climbers.

SPRING RIDERS

These spring toys are a lot of fun, can be used for extended periods and occupy little space. If you have no dedicated area for a playground you can at least place a spring rider somewhere in the garden. Spring toys usually look like animals but boys may prefer shapes which resemble motorbikes or airplanes. If you can afford to, install at least two different riders. Arranging a good playground is easy as long as you choose the right items and lay them out well together. There are no rules or limitations, just make sure your children like the toys that you are installing, and that they are safe for them to use.

SAND PIT

Sand Pits are another piece of equipment which should be acquired if space allows. They should ideally be placed on a hard surface so the special play sand does not mix with or untidy the surrounding floor area if it finds its way out of its container. Water can sometimes be added to the sand to further enhance the 'play' experience.

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Child Climbing on a Wall in An Outdoor



Cute Baby Boy Playing in Tree House, Sunny outdoor

CLIMBING WALL

Why not fit a climbing wall to your fence or boundary wall? It will use little or no space and adds another activity to keep your children amused while learning important skills. These walls can be implemented in a way that is completely safe.

DEN

If finances and space allow why not invest in a den? Dens are predominantly constructed of wood and can have a rustic finish or something more honed and contemporary. A den can take on the shape of a tree house or appear like a secluded scaled down cottage at the bottom of your garden with a painted finish. It could be furnished with made up pieces of wood or miniature (child size) furniture, including soft upholstery. It could even be connected to electric or running water. Children are sure to have hours of fun in this type of structure.

CHALK BOARD

Find space for an external chalk board on a wall or fence. This will stimulate learning and encourage imagination. This can be made detachable so it can be taken indoors when not in use.



Portrait of Little Cute Girl with Chalk Writing on Chalk Board

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Little Boys Lying Inside Colorful Tent



Dangerous Playground - Health Care Children Having Fun Time in Balls Pool



Safety Playground!

TENTS

Children love tents and camping out under the stars. Why not do it occasionally in your own back garden? The little people would see such an activity as a 'great adventure'. Tents have the added benefit of being easy to erect and remove. Plus you can always nip indoors for a quick cuppa if the need arises.

SAFETY

No article on playgrounds would be complete without the customary warnings on safety. It is important to ensure all equipments are sourced from a reputable and approved manufacturer.

It is also advisable to get guarantees on the durability and safety of the various items. Finally acquire the services of a reputable contractor to construct the playground. Ensure that all ground surface coverings comply with local safety standards as to their material content. The new playground may become so attractive that you may even consider going through a second childhood, sssshhhh, it will be our secret.

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