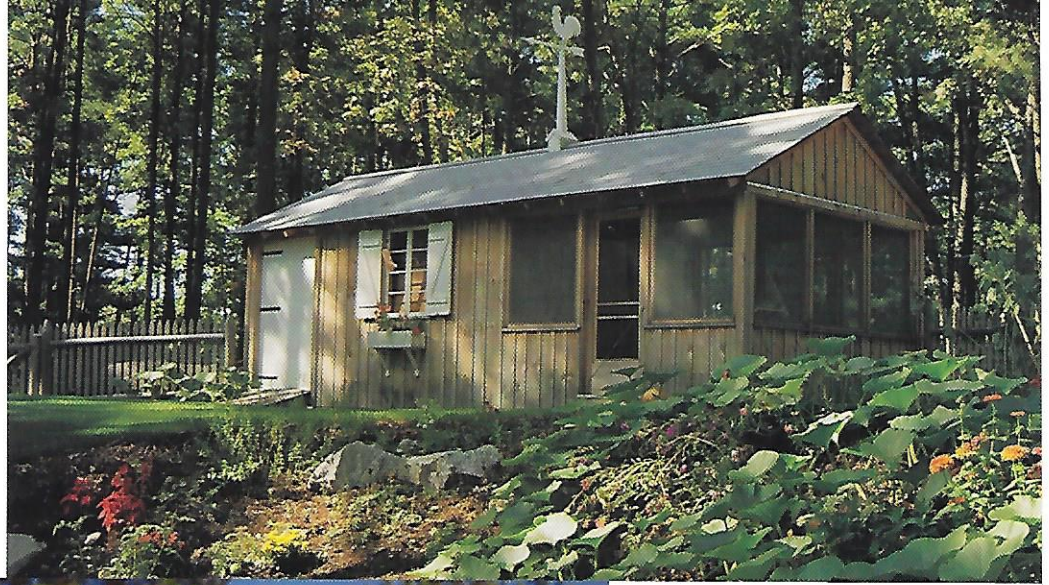

A shed can be any size. This looks more like a small home than a potting shed. It features a screened in sitting area, as well as a ramp for garden machinery.



There's no law that says a shed must look utilitarian. This shed features a front porch, starburst overhang, scrollwork, windows, and rails. The structure might serve as a studio or work shed.

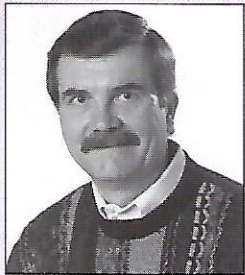
A child's playhouse can become a garden shed when its pint-sized "owner" outgrows it. In the meantime, colorful paint makes a beautiful addition to the landscape.





An extended overhang on the side of a shed shelters firewood here, but could function as storage for many other garden-related items.

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- Place storage structures in the “utility area” of the landscape, not the “private outdoor living space.” This could be the space between your yard and your neighbor’s property, or an area where utility boxes or air-conditioning units are situated.

- Don’t let the storage site become a “throwaway” space in your landscape. Keep storage units well located and well organized, with an emphasis on functionality.
- Group utility items together. A storage site is the perfect location for trash cans, recycling bins, or compost bins.
- Construct storage units to look like other elements on the property. A little beauty, with plantings used for screening or color, helps create a “homey” feel.