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Gardens with Gravitas

The world's most illustrious public grounds are bursting with ideas for outdoor spaces. Here, three of our favorite botanical muses



EARLY AMERICAN BEAUTY AT MONTICELLO

Thomas Jefferson fashioned the two-acre vegetable garden at his Monticello estate as a laboratory of sorts. More farmer than showman, he experimented with everything from endive to English peas (his favorite), yielding a bountiful terrace of green. Its orderly rows of flourishing crops and locale in the Virginia hills made it an ideal retreat for the statesman, giving rise to a reading pavilion rebuilt in 1984 based on Jefferson's notes.

IF YOU GO: Garden tours are offered April through October, but summer is the best window to avoid school trips. monticello.org

BRING THE LOOK HOME: 1. Willow cloche, \$30; williams-sonoma.com. 2. Jefferson bench, \$7,055; 845-613-0060. 3. Heirloom seed packets, \$3 each; monticelloshop.org. 4. Anchorage lantern, \$319; hinkleylighting.com. 5. Aged Bell cloche, from \$53; campodefiori.com. 6. Perigourdin basket, \$275; healdsburgshed.com. 7. Love Stripes outdoor fabric, to the trade; perennialsfabrics.com.



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