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Beginnings/inspirations

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Capturing time and space

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The day in 50 seconds https://vimeo.com/7014146#at=04

Local version

The season in 60 seconds: https://vimeo.com/847392#at=06

Local version
Ellen Hoverkamp from *Natural Companions*  [http://www.myneighborsgarden.com](http://www.myneighborsgarden.com)
Finding patterns

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How it’s done:  http://youtu.be/P6p2KBpsqdk

Local version
Creating patterns

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http://www.a1block.com/screenwall.php
