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Pop Bonsai: Fun With Arranging Small Trees And Plants



Synopsis

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"Die-hard botanists and curious beginners alike will relish this novel approach." -- Family Circle
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This book has increased my interest in the craft...one day when I retire, I hope to put some of these ideas to work.

There are some very unique ideas in this book, Lisa's creativity shines through her beautiful displays. Get this book if you are looking for inspiration or ideas, or a new way to display some of your favorite trees.

I loved this book - I just picked it up on a whim, and read it through several times. It's got a lot of great, innovative ideas; wonderful pictures; and really helpful, practical tips. And the author's personality shines through. She takes a very non-traditional approach, but acknowledges her debt to the traditional styles, and the book doesn't come off as gimmicky. I live in a house with a lot of people, and they all enjoyed it too - we ended up pretty bonsai-obsessed, and soon were turning

everything into crazy living sculptures. HIGHLY recommended.

I loved this book. The pictures are adorable, it inspires great ideas, and it gives great information about bonsai trees. Its kind of informal and is more fun than function, so buy this book if you're into bonsai but not extremely serious about it.

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