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How To Design A Small Garden - Step-by-Step Landscaping Ideas, Pictures And Plans For Planning The Perfect Small Garden ('How To Plan A Garden' Series Book 5)



Synopsis

If you're looking for landscaping design ideas for a small garden, 'How to Design a Small Garden' will guide you through the entire design process step-by-step. Small gardens can look amazing with the right design. This garden design book will show you how to make any small space garden beautiful, no matter how tiny, or what shape it is. There's also plenty of tips and tricks to make your garden look and feel larger and more interesting. You'll learn:

- How to avoid the BIG mistake most people make with their garden
- Design tricks for making your garden look and feel larger
- How to design a narrow or long garden
- How to design a wide garden
- How to design a square shape garden
- How to design an awkward shape garden
- Ideas for small front gardens
- How to get the right plants
- How to add the 'WOW' factor to your garden
- How to tackle and create changes in level
- Choosing the right paving
- Lighting and water features

About the Author: Rachel Mathews has been a garden designer for over 20 years. She has designed hundreds of beautiful gardens in the UK. She has also designed gardens in the USA, Australia, Malaysia and Spain. As well as designing, Rachel now teaches garden design and has written a series of 'how to' garden design books and online courses. She teaches a very simple method that enables anyone to create a stunning garden at Successful Garden Design.

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Customer Reviews

A nice, concise overview of landscape design for beginners. Also includes a multitude of links and resources. Keep in mind that many of these resources are courses, tutorials, consultations and additional reading that cost an additional fee but considering the very low cost of this Kindle book I feel that any further investments are not unreasonable. I do recommend this book as a primer for the beginner rather than a handbook as it isn't so much a gardening and home improvement book as it is a planning book. There isn't a photo gallery of ideas, a glossary of plants or any of the nuts and bolts on how to lay pavers, build a deck or how to plant a tree and trim your shrub. Instead Ms. Matthews takes you on a stream lined survey of the design process starting with a basic paper sketch and along the way giving helpful bits of instruction on how your layout can introduce visual interest, make odd shaped gardens more appealing and small gardens look larger. Though the book is short the text was clear, approachable and where necessary aided by diagrams and photos to illustrate her point. I found the book to be both helpful and instructive for the planning phase of my garden though by no means is it a definitive resource.

For us, this was step one. This will not teach anyone to be a landscape architect. It does quickly and clearly present the major ideas that guide landscape architecture for the home garden. I shared the major points with friends who are landscape architects with decades of experience apiece, and they agreed that the principles are sound. However, despite the disclaimers, I expect that step two is to sign up for one of Rachel's on-line courses. I did, and I gained more knowledge. In my case, I designed and built a new landscape in the front and back yard. The change was immense. For example, after 12 years ignoring the back yard, we now enjoy sitting outside the covered patio and looking at the yard.

another in the series that starts with How to Survey Your Garden - The Step-by-Step Guide to Measuring and Drawing a Scale Plan of Your Garden. This has lots of advice and suggestions. I recommend the whole set

I was deeply inspired by this little book. It covered all of the basics, but did not go into boring details that might have bogged down my creative ideas. She hit the high-points of what is required to begin (not what I expected), then provided a good selection of images to illustrate and back up her concepts. Her writing style was easy to understand and it naturally led me to imagine my own patio/back yard landscaped with her ideas. I enjoyed this book very much and will use these ideas over and over.

I learned more helpful information about garden design in this mini-book than in any full length garden design text. Rachel Mathews distills a lot of technical design theory to simple principles and then effectively illustrates them with designs and photos. Very, very worthwhile. She has a clear writing style and her gardens look wonderful. Now I wish she had a text on natural gardens for large, country properties.

Excellent design and step by step with great pictures. Easy to follow instructions and lots of great planning ideas. Love the small garden plans.

I have been looking for a good SMALL garden design book for a while. I found it. I now have a whole bunch of ideas on how to re shape and update my yard, now if Spring would only get here!

I used to start my design by planting trees and shrubs. This book showed me how wrong I was. Great for a novice garden designer like me

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