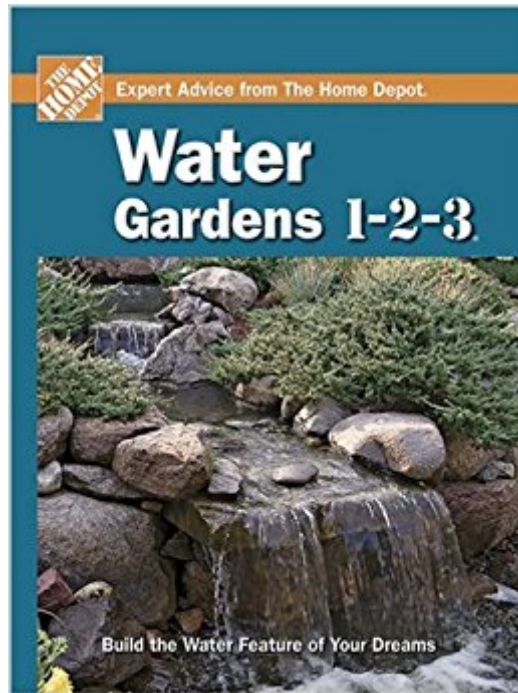




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Synopsis

Includes complete installation and care instructions for all the most-wanted water features-water gardens, ponds and fountains. Following the successful Home Depot 1-2-3 format, each project includes a full list of materials and tools, a time estimate, step-by-step instructions with helpful photos, thorough instructions and tips for outstanding DIY results. Detailed product info makes it easy to purchase the right materials for the job.

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Customer Reviews

I especially enjoyed the construction of the Japanese bamboo water fountain, a "shishi odoshi". Worth the price of the book, although it specified PVC painted to imitate bamboo. I used real bamboo myself.

Great purchase

When I undertake a how-to I don't "wing it". Instead, I become rather obsessive about learning how to do it PERFECTLY from the start so there is no do-overs needed. I have been planning our backyard waterfall (we have a large slanted yard just made for a stream waterfall in one area) for months now and began my learning by printing out everything I could find on the internet that seemed to go through the steps well and provide good pictures. Then I bought a few other books. I considered myself expert enough and thought I was done book shopping. Then we were in Home

Depot getting some charcoal and I passed by this book on the end of a shelf and began turning pages merely out of curiosity. And I kept turning, And turning...For me, this TOTALLY took every step and put into into PICTURES to learn how to do a stream or waterfall perfectly as no other "how to" on the net or book I had had done that I'd found. At least not as well as this one. Here are the chapters:Choosing the siteChoosing a water garden styleWater garden design ideasDetermining size (INVALUABLE. Even gives you break downs of what you should expect to pay for your rocks, liners, pumps, etc based on just adding a few extra feet to your stream in the cost section based upon size you choose.)Determining DepthCreating a Balanced Ecosystem (plants fish etc working together to keep it healthy)Designing a watergarden with wildlife in mind if that is important to you (it is to us)Water Garden kits (if you want an easier option)Child-friendly water gardensClimate issues (discusses issues in very cold and very warm areas)Calculating timeCalculating costsAvoiding common water garden mistakesThey have pics throughout the book with water gardens of all styles, shapes, pondless, streams, waterfalls, modern, natural..whatever.This was the first book that REALLY went through pumps and equipment honestly..I had my ideas for the stream and waterfall, but was still at a loss to pump size, which liner is best, etc. It was totally clear and gave you options based on your budget of things you can do for your own needs or time.The drawings and photographs were what sold it for me. Totally "HOW TO" with every single step, whether using flexible or rigid liners.So...this book is my pick for what helped this house out the most. By leaps and bounds.Even how to best arrange the stones if you use em!And I mean EVERY step has a photograph. I'm a visual learner, in spite of my love of reading, when it comes to how-to projects.So I'd give this 6 stars if I could for making our waterfall work with both clear well written instructions and very clear photos as well.You'll even learn how to best care for your fish if you add those.I have zero negatives for this book...it even let us know how much money we saved by etting all our boulders on our own from a friend's lot and free on Craigslist! (Rocks are your biggest expense and we needed LOTS of boulders and rocks. I suggest checking with a builder who may be digging some up and wanting them removed from lots and looking on Craigslist for someone wanting some carried off. Use the money you save on fish and plants!)

This book was OK. It breaks down different style of ponds, but really does not help when your look for specifics on building your own pond. Worth reading either way.

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