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All New Square Foot Gardening: Grow More in Less Space! by Mel Bartholomew

Read by Bob Moore

Reading time 10 hours 36 minutes.

In this update to Square Foot Gardening (RC 21079, BR 05870), the author advises using six-inch-deep boxes containing soil that requires no digging or fertilizing and vertical frames for climbing plants. Recommends creating wider aisles and elevating boxes for easier access. Gives plant-by-plant suggestions for extending the growing season. 2005.

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Designing the New Kitchen Garden: An American Potager Handbook by Jennifer R. Bartley

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 6 hours 37 minutes.

Landscape designer discusses the medieval origins of potagers, year-round kitchen gardens that produce herbs and vegetables and incorporate ornamental perennial and woody plantings for aesthetic appeal. Covers design techniques and plant selection, using specific potagers in Maryland, Texas, and Vermont, her own in Ohio, and restaurant gardens as examples. 2006.

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The Nonstop Garden: A Step-by-Step Guide to Smart Plant Choices and Four-Season Designs By Stephanie Cohen

Read by Kerry Cundiff

Reading time 9 hours, 2 minutes

A columnist for Fine Gardening magazine and a horticultural consultant provide plans, plant lists, and tips for creating gardens that provide year-round interest. They suggest trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, annuals, tropicals, edibles, and vines; discuss ornamentation, containers, and structures; and include a peak performance table. 2010.

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The Well-Designed Mixed Garden: Building Beds and Borders with Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs by Tracy DiSabato-Aust

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 28 hours 16 minutes.

Detailed guide to designing a diverse garden that incorporates both herbaceous (soft-stemmed) and woody plant material of various heights, textures, colors, and blooming times. Covers site evaluation including soil and light considerations, plant selection, placement, and maintenance. Offers twenty-seven sample combinations of compatible plants. 2003.

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The Ultimate Container Gardener: All You Need to Know to Create Plantings for Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter by Stephanie Donaldson

Read by Yolande Bavan

Reading time 7 hours 4 minutes.

Describes how to display flowers, herbs, and other plants in baskets, window boxes, or hanging containers for both inside and outside the home. Advice with instructions for year-round cultivation and selection of items for color, fragrance, and location. 2001.

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The New Low-Maintenance Garden: How to Have a Beautiful, Productive Garden and the Time to Enjoy it By Valerie Easton

Read by Kerry Cundiff

Reading time 8 hours, 25 minutes

Garden columnist describes various simplified gardens that are comfortable in size and scale, have minimal lawn, and require little dividing, pruning, spraying, staking, or topiary. Gives tips for working with nature, banishing weeds, editing plant selections, and incorporating containers, raised beds, and edible gardening. 2009.

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Our Life in Gardens by Joe Eck

Read by Ted Stoddard

Reading time 8 hours 43 minutes.

Life partners who cofounded a Vermont landscape design firm share their personal gardening history and the lessons they've learned. In alphabetical essays they discuss favorite ornamental plants and cover topics such as hedges, pergolas, vegetable plots, and planted walls. They stress that gardens need constant care and vigilance. 2009.

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Gardening for a Lifetime How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older By

Sydney Eddison

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

Reading time 5 hours, 22 minutes

The author of Patchwork Garden (RC 32917) describes her decades of creating a home garden and gives advice on taking shortcuts in old age. Offers strategies to reduce the workload, including removing certain demanding plants, choosing ones that require less care, and seeking help when necessary. 2010.

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Covering Ground: Unexpected Ideas for Landscaping with Colorful, Low-Maintenance Ground Covers by Barbara W. Ellis

Read by Lou Harpenau

Reading time 11 hours 33 minutes.

Guide to using ground covers such as vines, spreaders, shrubs, and flowers to add interest to existing gardens, create natural alternatives to traditional lawns, and edge paths, curbs, and driveways. Suggests specific plants for various soil types and sun exposures. Includes design ideas and tips on care and propagation. 2007.

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Beautiful No-Mow Yards 50 Amazing Yard Alternatives By Evelyn J. Hadden

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 8 hours, 45 minutes

Author asserts that a typical lawn is not the best choice and provides advice and instructions on converting grass yards to more eco-friendly areas. Discusses the benefits of shade, rain, xeric, edible, and stroll gardens; living carpets; meadows; patios; play areas; and ponds. Includes descriptive plant lists. 2012.

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Gardening at the Dragon's Gate at Work in the Wild and Cultivated World

By Wendy Johnson

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 19 hours, 48 minutes

Johnson, a founder of the organic Farm and Garden Program at Green Gulch Farm Zen Center in Marin County, California, discusses her meditative gardening life, describes seven principles that influence her garden work, and provides detailed instruction for following her example. 2008.

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The New Terrarium: Creating Beautiful Displays for Plants and Nature by
Tovah Martin

Read by Faith Potts

Reading time 5 hours 2 minutes.

Stressing the importance of having a connection with nature, garden writer Martin provides instructions for creating a variety of small indoor gardens enclosed in glass which thrive with little care. Describes different types of transparent containers such as bell jars and lanterns, recommends plants, and discusses design and maintenance.

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American Grown the Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America By Michelle Obama

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 6 hours, 25 minutes

America's First Lady describes the kitchen garden that she and White House staff planted in 2009 on the south lawn. Discusses seasonal plants and chores, provides recipes, explores other gardens across the country, and examines the history of gardening. 2012.

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Plant-Driven Design: Creating Gardens That Honor Plants, Place, and Spirit by Scott Ogden

Read by Lou Harpenau

Reading time 13 hours 7 minutes.

Husband and wife garden designers explain their landscaping philosophy, which differs from the prevalent concept of gardens focused on human activities and dominated by hardscapes. They describe how to create idealized natural spaces where plants are the main element and people can become immersed in nature. 2008.

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Fallscaping: Extending Your Garden Season into Autumn by Nancy J.

Ondra

Read by Jill Fox

Reading time 7 hours 53 minutes.

After introducing key plants for providing fall blooms, berries, seedheads, and foliage, the authors offer advice on combining these to create gardens that look good not only in the autumn but in one or more other seasons as well. Includes a fall garden-care primer and lists gardening techniques. 2007.

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Grasses: Versatile Partners for Uncommon Garden Design by Nancy J.

Ondra

Read by Lou Harpenau

Reading time 4 hours 44 minutes.

Guide to incorporating ornamental grasses into perennial gardens to add texture, variety, color, and year-round interest. Provides basic botanical information and offers suggestions for use in borders, pathways, containers, and water features or as ground covers. Discusses design, selection, and sun and soil considerations for specific plants. 2002.

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The Backyard Parables Lessons on Gardening, and Life By Margaret Roach

Read by Margaret Strom

Reading time 10 hours, 29 minutes

Companion memoir to *And I Shall Have Some Peace There* (DB 76235), provides gardening tips and life lessons learned from the decades the author spent working in her upstate New York acreage. She divides her paean to gardening by the elements: water, earth, fire, and wind. Some strong language. 2013.

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The Enabling Garden: A Guide to Lifelong Gardening by Gene Rothert

Read by Butch Hoover

Reading time 9 hours 2 minutes.

A step-by-step guide to barrier-free gardening for people with disabilities and older adults. Provides a checklist for assessing one's gardening abilities, then offers advice on selecting appropriate structures, tools, equipment, plants, and garden designs.

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Fresh Food from Small Spaces: The Square-Inch Gardener's Guide to Year-Round Growing, Fermenting, and Sprouting by R.J. Ruppenthal

Read by Butch Hoover

Reading time 7 hours 15 minutes.

Believing energy costs will soon make it necessary for even urban dwellers to grow their own food, the author provides tips for vegetable and fruit gardening in nontraditional locations such as patios, balconies, rooftops, and windowsills. Also discusses making yogurt, kefir, and fermented foods and raising chickens and bees.

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Landscaping with Stone by Pat Sagui

Read by Lou Harpenau

Reading time 5 hours 15 minutes.

Suggestions for incorporating natural stone into gardens, walkways, patios, steps, walls, water features, and more. Covers design and planning stages as well as construction and installation for both dry-laid projects and those requiring mortar. Discusses planting considerations, using different types of stone, and employing gravel and sand beds. 2009.

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Dog-Friendly Gardens, Garden-Friendly Dogs by Cheryl S. Smith

Read by Kerry Dukin

Reading time 6 hours 32 minutes.

Tips on harmoniously keeping both a garden and a dog. Provides recommendations for bed design and vegetation, including groundcovers and grass, and warns against harmful plants and products. Covers mulches, composts, vegetables, paths, fencing, and some aspects of dog play. Discusses designating pet-digging areas. 2004.

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Gardening When It Counts: Growing Food in Hard Times by Steve Solomon

Read by Butch Hoover

Reading time 15 hours 19 minutes.

Longtime gardener and past proponent of the intensive-gardening trend has switched to espousing the benefits of extensive vegetable gardening--spacing seedlings far apart to yield larger plants that use less water, fertilizer, and labor. Also discusses tools, compost, and pests. 2005.

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Creating Beds and Borders: Creative Ideas from America's Best Gardeners By Taunton Press

Read by Butch Hoover

Reading time 5 hours 34 minutes.

The authors explain that borders are planting areas viewed from one side, whereas beds are freestanding islands. They recommend design strategies, plants, and techniques to create both types of gardens. They instruct on planting in wet, shady spots, creating raised beds, developing all-season borders, and designing a warm-climate display. 2001.

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The Able Gardener: Overcoming Barriers of Age and Physical Limitations

by Kathleen Yeomans

Read by Ralph Lowenstein

Reading time 10 hours, 9 minutes

Nurse and gardener Yeomans covers general aspects of gardening while emphasizing adaptive techniques such as using raised beds, back-saving tools, and easy-care plants. If the gardener is visually impaired, she suggests designing with plants that are fragrant, textured, edible, or even audible. Included are exercises for gardeners and mail-order sources for plants, seeds, and supplies (including adaptive tools).

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