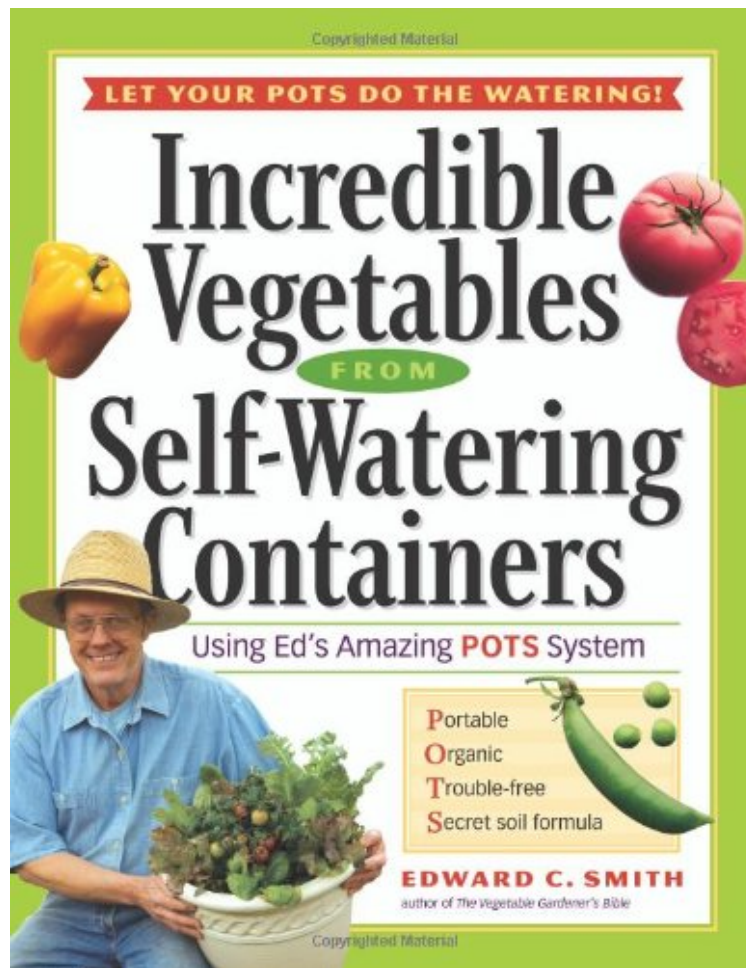


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good Resource!By AstrolgalAs a veteran gardener I found this book very informative. I had tried container gardening in the past, but was frustrated with the inconsistent results and the fact that the pots needed constant watering attention.Incredible Vegetables from Self-Watering Containers is a great resource as it shows the reader what can be accomplished when plants are grown in containers with a constant water source. Edward Smith uses organic methods (a departure from most container gardening books) and his

recommendations on plant and seed varieties has been well researched. Coupled with exquisite photography, the book is good reading for both novice and well-seasoned gardeners. I gave the book 4 stars because I found his instructions on how to actually create a self-watering container a bit lacking, although after reading the book I realized that his focus wasn't primarily on how to create self-watering containers, but rather how to use them to raise exceptional flowers, ornamentals, fruits and vegetables. With that said, there are plenty of instructions on the web for someone who wants to use everyday materials and create their own. I really like Edward Smith's approach and look forward to doing some serious gardening in 2009.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The proof is in the container!

By monami This is a great little book to get you started using self-watering container systems. It is well organized and provided me with sufficient information to, for the first time, successfully grow a bounty of tomatoes and lettuce and to start my little dwarf Meyer lemon tree to begin blooming again. There is a great section at the end of the book for resources for purchasing some of the materials, and the section that covers the specifics about various types of plants, which do well with containers and which don't really need them, was also a great help toward getting started. I've already loaned this book to several friends who are looking forward to trying the method. For me, I wanted a sure-fire way to get maximally healthy and productive plants with a minimum of effort. Setting up the pots takes about 45-60 minutes, and after that your plants just take off! I love going out my kitchen door and picking fresh lettuce every day for my salads, and to not have to worry about watering every day, which in the heat of San Jose summers is fantastic! Easy, fun and rewarding - what more could you ask from a gardening book?

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Informative Book!

By M Live I recently heard about self-watering containers. (I know but I haven't had a garden in about 10 years.) The author, Edward C. Smith, did a fantastic work - *Incredible Vegetables From Self-Watering Containers*. He really does an excellent job with full color pictures and details about the various vegetables and herbs, even ones that are better off planted in the ground for some reason. He covers the size of pots to use, mixing soils, covers a bit on composting, and suggests how many plants you can grow in a pot and what vegetables are compatible! I love this book!

Shiny green cucumbers; firm, juicy tomatoes; baby lettuces handpicked one salad at a time these are the tasty benefits of the backyard vegetable garden. But earth gardens are a lot of work. They require a plot of plantable land and a significant time commitment to sowing, watering, weeding, and tending each plant. Is there a solution? Self-watering containers allow vegetable gardeners from the casual weekender interested in a tomato plant or two to the very dedicated gardener with limited space to grow richly producing plants in a controlled, low-maintenance environment. Lifelong gardener Ed Smith became fascinated with the possibilities of self-watering containers and began testing dozens of vegetables in various containers, experimenting with nutrients, soil mixtures, plant varieties, and container positioning. Now Smith is here to tell gardeners that anyone can grow and enjoy wonderful organic vegetables, using pots with continuous-flow watering systems. Smith shares advice on choosing appropriate containers, how to provide balanced nutrition using his secret soil formula, and what additional tools benefit the container gardener. The reader will also find advice on starting from seed versus buying plants, which vegetables thrive in containers and which might be a bit more challenging, along with space-saving tips on pairing plants in single containers. After the last green tomato has been picked and is ripening on the windowsill, Smith wraps everything up with a chapter on fall clean-up and preparing for next spring. Now there's really no excuse for store-bought tomatoes!

Smith's Book is highly recommended for all libraries. -Library Journal Garden writer Edward Smith, an avid vegetable gardener, shares his expert knowledge on the subject in this excellent manual for both novice and experienced gardeners. -The National Gardener ...in this pretty, thorough book, Smith addresses seed and plant selection, pest control, herbs and container combinations, and the mouth-watering photos are inspiring. -The Seattle Times The how-tos are well described, and the writing is both solid and inviting. This, plus beautiful photography and handsome design, trademarks of Storey Publishing, carry the reader happily from one section to another. From container garden design to care to harvest, this book covers the subject well. -St. Louis Post-Dispatch The directions are easy to follow, making the projects seem extremely doable. -Florida Times-Union Smith divulges his methods for getting the most out of a containerized vegetable garden, including his secret potting soil mix, design ideas, and harvesting tips, all accompanied by color photographs of his garden. -American Gardener