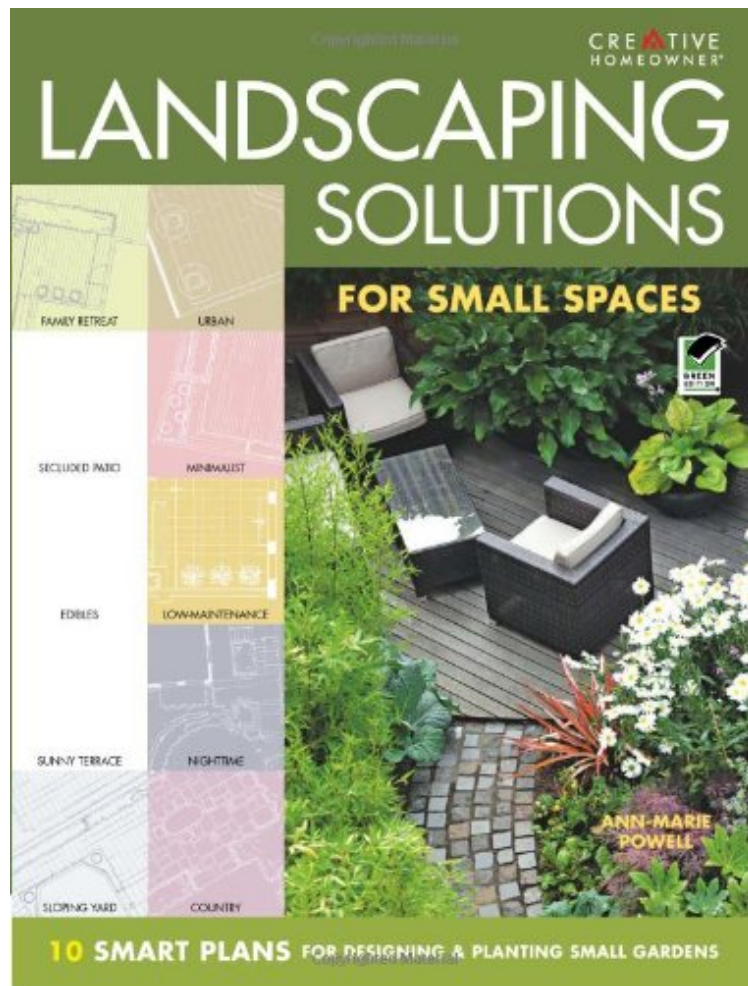


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selecting those design elements that are critical to one's pleasure, and about paring down a plan to its most important features. By following the author's advice, satisfying, beautiful gardens, even in cramped quarters, can become a reality. According to Ms. Powell, with careful design the most awkward space can become a garden. When plants, structures, and furniture are used wisely, a homeowner can transform a confined location not only into a thing of beauty, but also into a multifunctional space, with separate areas for relaxing and entertaining. Her experience in designing allows the author to summarize a range of garden styles suitable for small spaces. These include - Urban, Edible, Romantic, English, Sun, Low-maintenance, Rustic, Night, Terraced, and Minimalist. A comprehensive chapter, dedicated to each style, includes a full-sized, easy-to-read, and very detailed diagram of the garden, accompanied by an additional full-page blueprint-style planting guide. The recommended ideas can be adapted by the do-it-yourself homeowner or by qualified landscapers. Creative readers may use these plans as a springboard to building a personalized garden by substituting plants and construction materials that reflect one's aesthetic needs and specific growing zones. The author's wise advice includes a suggestion to begin with a master plan. This will help in evaluating the allocation of precious space and budget set aside for the garden. Furthermore, the reader is cautioned not to select a design idea from a larger garden and shrink it down to fit, as wide lawns, deep planting borders and tall trees do not adapt well to tiny spaces. One feature of the book that truly impressed me is the fact that no construction or planting detail, no matter how minute, is omitted or left to chance. In each chapter, the author includes a list of hardscape materials, a plant-shopping list, and a reminder of miscellaneous garden accessories that are required, such as eye screws for window boxes, wood screws, fence clips, and dumpsters for construction waste. The information is supplemented with a specific to-do list that includes, for example, a caution to measure the garden carefully before ordering raw materials, and a safety tip to have all outdoor lighting installed by a qualified electrician. As well, there are guidelines for the handling and execution of paving, furniture selection, decking, boundaries, trellis, and lawn, [if there is space for it], vegetation, the construction process, and planting. Each chapter, for any one style of garden, is completed with a twelve-month maintenance plan to help the homeowner sustain in perpetuity both the hardscapes and the plants. This is a very impressive manual. Of late, publishers have been tapping into the talents of skilled and creative professionals, so that projects available to do-it-yourselfers are moving away from run-of-the-mill to become extraordinary. Although Ms. Powell's book is intended as a mass-market publication, it is, in fact, an example of landscape mentoring at its best.

Small yards often pose large problems for home gardeners. Adding too many plants and other elements leads to a crowded, chaotic look, but it is also easy to plan for too few plants, which can make even a small space seem sparse and underplanted. *10 Garden Solutions for Small Spaces* provides detailed designs for common garden situations. Each design features both "hardscaping" and landscaping ideas, including detailed plans that show the number and types of plants for each design. Plant recommendations cover all hardiness zones. Some designs address problems with the site, such as a small front yard or a sloping yard; others deal with requirements imposed by the gardener, such as a garden that requires a minimal amount of maintenance or one that will be enjoyed mainly at night. In addition to the designs themselves, a building techniques section helps turn the plans into reality.

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