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Texas Home Landscaping, 3rd Edition



Synopsis

Texas Home Landscaping is an updated, expanded edition of Creative Homeowner's award-winning best seller on landscaping Texas-style. Readers will find inspiring ideas for making the home landscape more attractive and functional. The 54 featured designs are created by landscape professionals from the region and use more than 200 plants that thrive in the southeast. Detailed instructions for projects such as paths, patios, ponds, and arbors are also included. Over 450 full-color photos and paintings are complemented by easy, step-by-step instructions. The Lone Star state will be in full bloom with Texas Home Landscaping

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Customer Reviews

I was a little disappointed in this book. While it does have some really nice plans for new gardens it doesn't have enough emphasis on using native TX/OK plants. I've tried using some of the cultivars listed in the plans but they don't do as well as the mother plants so I hesitate to recommend this book to anyone but a newbie gardener who really wants their gardens to look like those in the book. Once you've been working in your own gardens a few years, I think you'll see the limitations of this book. I do like the way the pictures show time progression from first planting to a few years down the road. I think this will help a lot of people avoid crowding their new plants too much and will give new gardeners something to look forward to as their landscape matures. I would suggest that unless you're a newbie gardener, skip this book and invest in one with focus on native TX plants that are much able to withstand TX summers and water restrictions.

I've been gardening for years, but new to the Houston, TX area which is a whole new ballgame due to the .. shall we say .. idiosyncrasies of its climate, especially these past few years. Since we inherited a largish backyard that no one had ever taken care of, not even planted a tree or bush, it was a challenge to start from scratch. The first year I made a ton of mistakes! Then I joined a Master Gardener class and they recommended this book, among others. For the price I find it is loaded with ideas as to how to choose plants that are compatible with the Houston area climate, will grow quickly, survive the recent harsh winters and look good. It's not a definitive book on gardening, nor does it try to be. Just lots of pictures of plant configurations that will work in various conditions. You're bound to find something for that overly-shady area, or that will work in times of draught and the hot Texas summers. Our backyard is full sun, the front is full shade so I was glad to get some new ideas for both. Nice book, looks good on the coffee table and it will give you some good ideas when you next visit the local garden center.

Having recently purchased my first home I picked up five different gardening books. I don't even know where the other four have gone, but now I have two of this one. It's a great guide which covers everything from plants that should thrive in the area (including care, size, and how to select), to various designs for commonly-found areas around your home. It even covers various landscape construction projects such as fences, walks, and patios, and is well-written and illustrated throughout.[...]

New edition is a wealth of knowledge for each area of Texas. Sections on walkways and paths and sections on specific plants for your area are the best I've read.

Just right for a novice gardener who usually wanders around in nurseries picking out plants that are ill suited to my needs. Loved this book because it told me exactly what plants to get that will survive and hopefully thrive the Texas summer. So far so good.

I'm a certified Master Gardener and I find this book so helpful and really good for Texas landscapes. It is clear and has great illustrations. This book should be in every Texas gardener's book collection!

This landscape guide is an excellent tool for your Texas landscape. One of the best items (other than full color renderings), is that the book show you what plants will look like from initial planting to

full-grown plants. I would highly recommend it.

I don't know what I was expecting but the book did not make me want to run to the nursery and buy a bunch of plants. I do like the way the photos/drawings are organized showing different views of a planting from new to mature growth and changes with the season. Like all my other gardening books it is on the book shelf collecting dust.

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