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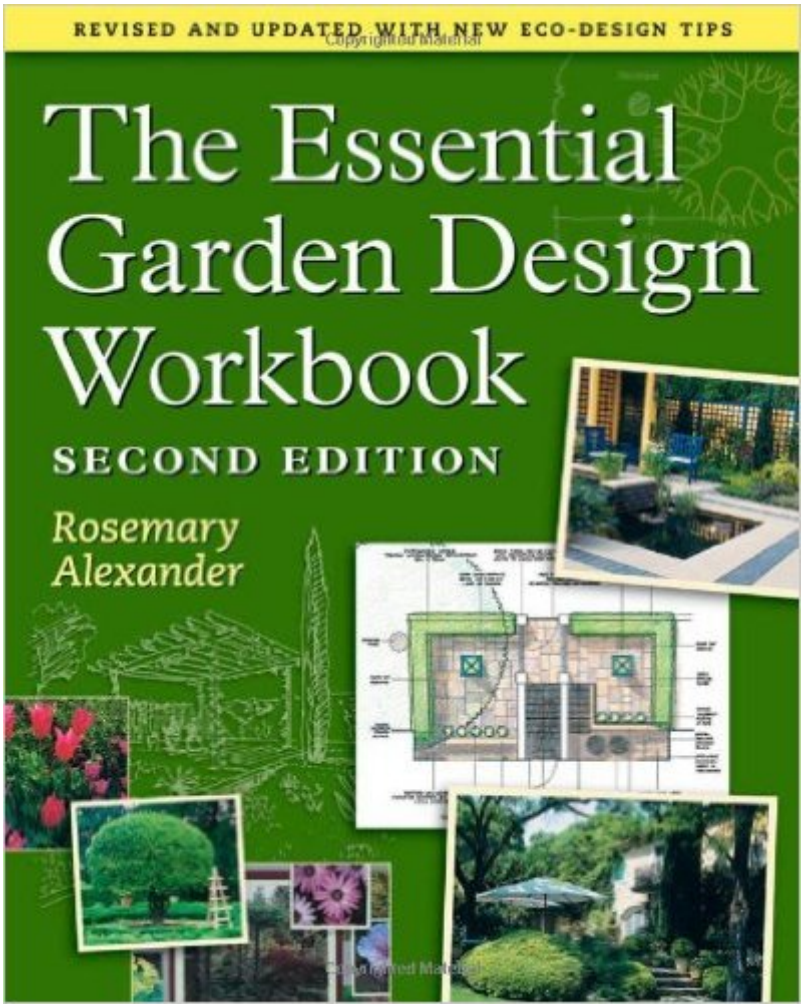

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Synopsis

The Essential Garden Design Workbook guides the reader through every stage of planning a garden â • how to survey a site, how to choose landscaping materials, and how to develop planting schemes. This fully revised and updated second edition features new U.S. case studies and new photographs. Valuable tips on green gardening are new to this edition, and include how to harvest rainwater, how to design a green roof, tips on sustainable planting, and a guide to composting. Tailor-made for hands-on gardeners, the workbook approach is accessible, practical, and can be used to create a garden from scratch and to redesign an existing garden. Gardeners will find easy ways to measure large spaces, estimate the height of a tree, and find the right proportions for a deck. They'll also find tips on space, light, and color. Includes hundreds of easy-to-follow line drawings and diagrams.

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Customer Reviews

I am using this book as a textbook for a Garden Design class. I have several years of garden design experience and have many more years of gardening experience. This book explains the design process in an easy to understand and inspiring way. I have found that it addresses planting and design in subtley different ways that jog my mind to be more creative. It is well written, well designed and very informative.

The Essential Garden Design Workbook is a highly detailed design workbook especially intended

for serious home gardeners, students of design, and professionals. Expertly written by Rosemary Alexander (the founder and principal of The English Gardening School), The Essential Garden Design Workbook is illustrated cover-to-cover with simple diagrams and sections of full color photographs. Individual chapters deftly cover necessary research and preparations, how to develop the initial design, what to take into account when finalizing the garden layout plan, creating a planting plan, visualizing and constructing the design, and a host of minor details. The Essential Garden Design Workbook is highly recommended as a detailed instructional for learning to blend individually creative instincts with practical necessities to create truly memorable gardens.

I moved into a new house and needed to do something with the landscaping. It is a mess. I cannot afford to hire a professional, so I bought this book hoping it would help me come up with a plan on my own. I haven't finished the book yet, but am finding it very helpful. It is more like a text book on how to draw up a garden plan, aimed at professionals, but it isn't overly technical and is fairly informative. I would have given it 5 five stars except that I am not very artistic, and I wish the book had more info to help me in that regard.

I have been looking for a garden design book for some time that would be heavy on how to lay out the design professionally on paper. This book goes through the progression of the design process and shows each step in the process. It has been extremely helpful in my designing of a three acre property.

I didn't want to give the book a bad review because it appears to be a great book. I checked this out at the library thinking I could use it to help me design my garden, but that isn't what this book is for. It was clearly designed for landscape professionals. It spent a lot of time on how to draw plants so that your clients could understand your plans better, etc. Helpful for someone, but probably not for your average homeowner designing their own yard.

This is a very detailed, very technical book on planning every conceivable aspect of garden design. From fences to pergolas to hedges to ponds, it's all in here. Normally I love detailed books but this was actually a bit more technical than I had hoped for. It's almost like a textbook for professionals (which certainly isn't a bad thing).

Although the author refers to European landscaping, the design theory is still the same if applied in

the US. This book is particularly useful for urban gardens as the examples given are, generally, for long, narrow lots. There are plenty of examples and drawings. A newly inspired invidividual wishing to further his knowledge about landscaping should start with this book.

This book is absolutely perfect for those looking to design a garden from a perspective other than "pretty colors go well with pretty colors!"I'm not positive, but I would bet that this is often used as a textbook - either for landscape architects or other horticultural practices. It's a really fabulous book that teaches you so much about WHY to lay a garden out a certain way, and have it work complimentary to your home. Loads of information about the more technical aspects of garden design.The biggest pro is that the content is entirely approachable. I know almost nothing about landscape architecture or garden design, but nothing in this book was over my head or too difficult to understand. Absolutely a must have item for any serious gardener.

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