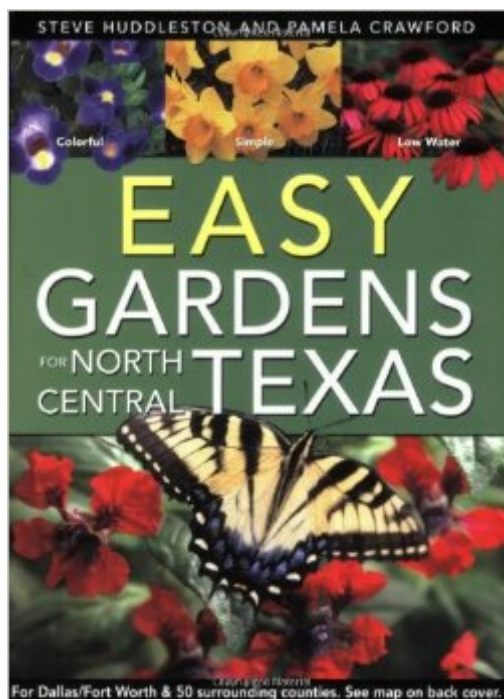


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Easy Gardens For North Central Texas



Synopsis

This groundbreaking book shows beginners and experienced gardeners alike how to create gorgeous gardens with the easiest, colorful, low water plants that north central Texas has to offer. It features over 1000 spectacular photos of annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees that thrive with little or no irrigation and only require minutes of care per year - plants that can breeze through hot, humid, Texas summers while attracting butterflies, birds and hummingbirds. Shop for plants like a pro by taking the book with you to garden centers and checking out the latest information on the newest plants around from people who have grown them! Create traffic-stopping color combinations from the over 150 easy examples shown. The book is extremely easy to follow, with thousands of color photographs, as well as many budget gardening tips. For Dallas/Fort Worth and 50 surrounding counties. Area includes Wichita Falls, Sherman, Denton, Arlington, Fort Worth, Dallas, Abilene, Temple, Killeen, and Waco.

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Customer Reviews

ordered this book from after reading rave reviews in a Texas gardening blog then seeing rave reviews here as well. It sold it. I never noticed, at the time, it said easy gardens for NORTH Central Texas. But if you are in other parts of Texas...bear with me...it's still worth it. I opened the box and saw that part of the title when I thought it was actually "Easy Gardens of Texas". Because I am not in that region, I am in Austin, further South, I thought I'd just return the book due to the mistake. THAT would have been a mistake. One quick flip through this book is nothing short of amazing and impressive. It's a favorite book now. First, the reason why my region was so important to me is that I use only native plants from my region, or adapted, so that I have few weeds, need

little fertilizer, and can have a certified wildlife habitat in my back yard, which meets the Blackland Prairie behind my fence. So I am pretty picky about this. That said, this not only is wonderful about stating the origin of each plant, it went into so much detail about the plants I already had--more so than any book or gardening place had told me--that it's my newest gardening bible. More than that, the pictures alone are worth the price. They show you which plants work well in Texas with few disease issues or pest issues, and those that work well together as well...the layout of these gardens is simply stunning. I actually copied many beds from these exact layouts. Every page of every plant has amazing closeups of the plant and extreme detail about its maintenance, how to get cuttings to create new plants from it, what to do in the winter to keep it going...but not long, wordy, pages. Easy bullet points for easy use.

I wish all gardening books were like this. They start off by telling you thoroughly about all the basics, but making it relevant to the local North Central Texas locations (I'm in Dallas). They even go into some details. For example, they don't just tell you to use fertilizer, don't just say slow-release is preferred, don't just tell you about N-P-K, but they also say, "look for boron, copper, iron, manganese, and magnesium as well [in the fertilizer]." And for our local soils, these minerals are important. But I rarely read about this in other gardening books. I adore the detail, and wish other books would give this much detail on each plant. Two pages for the many featured plants instead of one paragraph. For the featured plants, they tell you: leaf retention, size, growth rate, leaf description, flower description, origin, spacing, cautions, colors, light, water, soil, hardiness, propagation, pest problems, when to plant, trimming, fertilization, and division. And that's just in the side panels. They go into more detail and history in the main paragraphs. They even give you buying tips, warnings, and reassurances. And, yup, like the other reviewers, I, too, really appreciate the suggested companion plantings, complete with pictures of these plants and the page number for where more detail can be found. And I very much like how for most featured plants they not only show you a close-up of the bloom, but also the whole plant. I hate how most books just show you the bloom. And for plants that look different in different seasons, they include pictures of what the plant looks like in these other seasons. So my one and only "complaint" about this book is how a featured plant here and there doesn't have a whole-plant picture. But that's a tiny complaint.

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