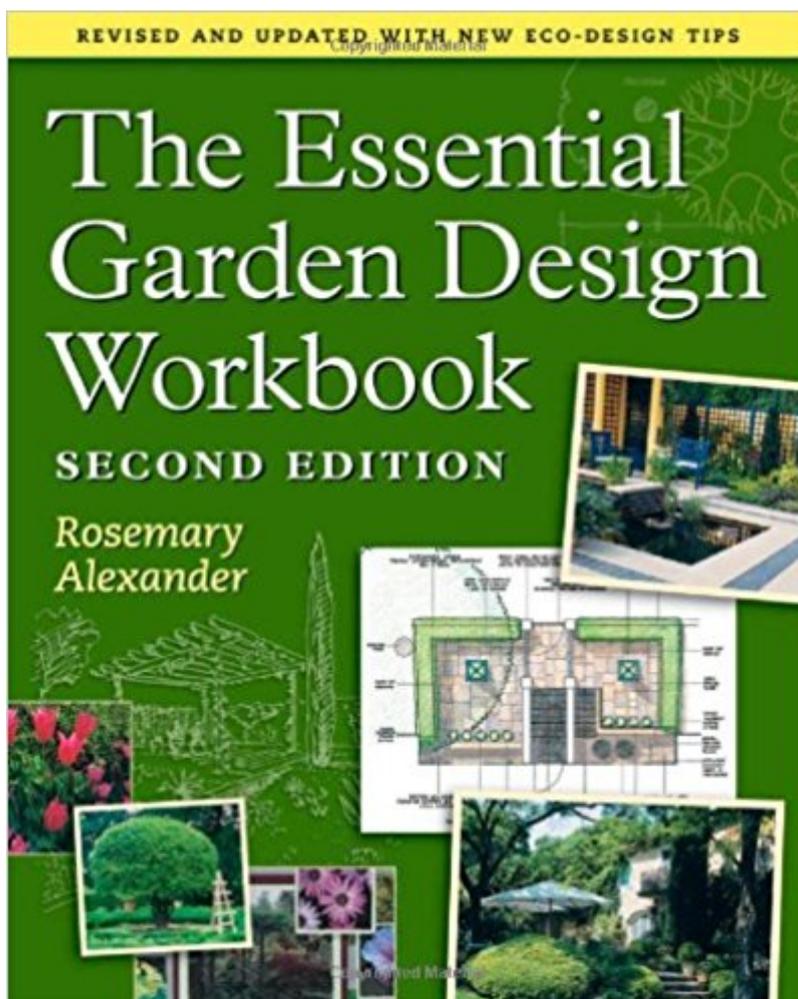


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# The Essential Garden Design Workbook



## Synopsis

The Essential Garden Design Workbook guides the reader through every stage of planning a garden • 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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“Alexander writes with a rare understanding for all of the living organisms—humans, plants and wild creatures—who will occupy and benefit from the garden that is under design.”  
—Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
“I especially like the book’s 400 line drawings. Most are helpful, some humorous.”  
—Virginian-Pilot

A well-designed garden provides pleasure to owner and visitor alike but often eludes even the most experienced gardener. The Essential Garden Design Workbook guides you through every stage of

designing a garden, from site assessment to drawing up plans and selecting suitable materials. Here you will learn how to assess your site and experiment with design ideas that fit well with the garden's surroundings. You will find easy ways to measure large spaces, estimate the height of a tree, and determine the right proportions for a deck, pathway, or steps. The book includes clear instructions for drawing up plans-from initial concept diagram to final design. This book is tailor made for hands-on gardeners who want to rework their gardens to achieve that sought-after 'designer finish'. Hundreds of explanatory drawings and quick-reference diagrams make this workbook a vital addition to the bookshelves of every gardener, design student, and professional. By working through this book from start to finish, a designer garden is within everyone's reach.

--This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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.

Just starting my journey of landscape design. I found this book to be a wonderful resource. It's (to my untrained eye) very thorough and complete. I like that it's a soft cover and I can keep it handy at poolside and it bends nicely in my backpack. Lots of information, cute little pen and ink drawings. So easy to follow and I think well organized as it leads you from one aspect into another naturally.

Good overview of garden design. Written largely from a British perspective but the principles are broadly applicable.

Very good basic understanding of how to organize and layout your design so if you want to show it a professional nursery, it is very understandable.

Very interesting. Lots of ideas for a person that approach the garden design for the first time. I like it, but unfortunately I am an electronic engineer and I like very structured methods! Don't get me

wrong: It is not complicated to understand, very well written.

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).

We are in the process of designing a garden and this is the most helpful book we've found. The only drawback is that the author is from England and our garden is in South Carolina where the plants that will do well are very different.

Very informative. Great for a beginner, takes you through the process of garden design step by step. If you want to work on your own garden design, a must have.

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