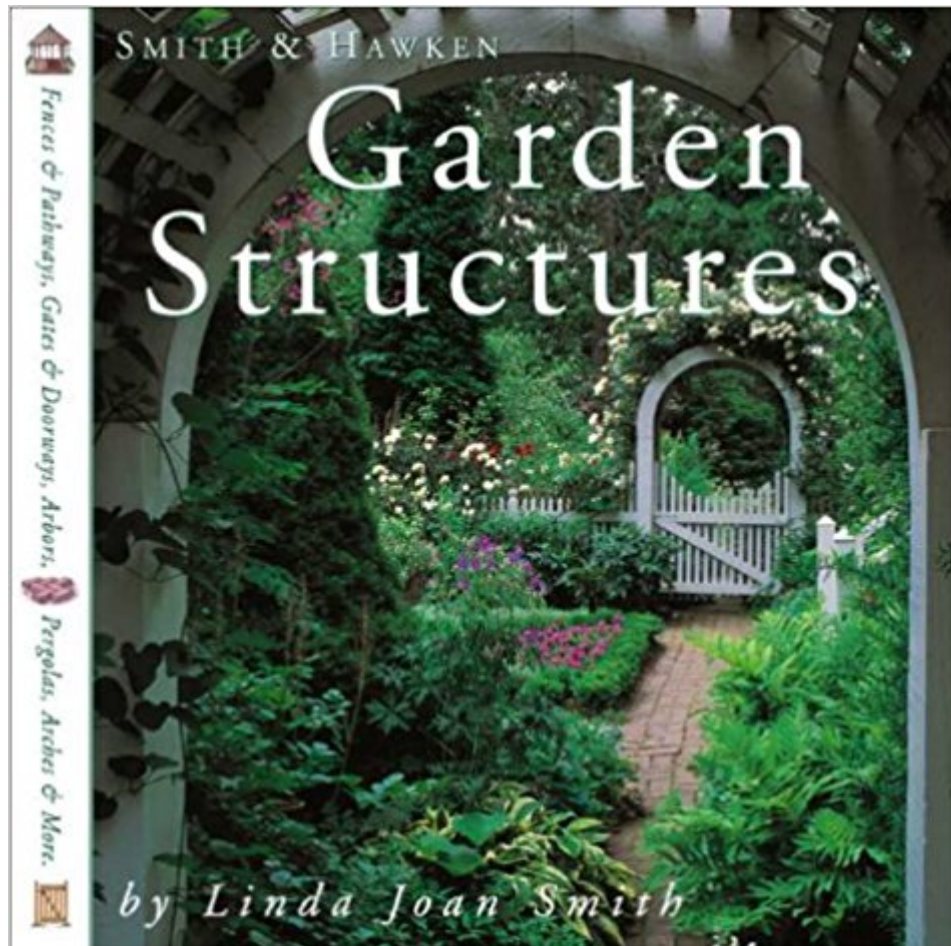




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Smith & Hawken Garden Structures



Synopsis

Marrying inspiration with the nitty-gritty of design, materials and methods. Garden Structures covers all the different ways to create a framework on which a garden flows. Beginning with the very idea that makes a garden a gardenâ "enclosureâ "and its expression as a fence or wall, through the most elaborate of structures, including greenhouses, decks, and pavilions, the ten chapters in this book celebrate the ways that gardening and building are linked. A chinoiserie trellis, herb beds edged in wattling, brick arches dripping with honeysuckle, flagstone walkwaysâ "this is how we carve our unique niche in the world's vastness. Illustrating the book are more than 300 color photographs plus instructional line drawings that shows how structures are integrated into a garden, offer a range of possibilities, and help the gardener carry out the most involved plans.

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Structural elements are important assets that help to create a garden's distinctive ambience. Fences enclose; gates invite; walls delineate; paths lead the way. Smith addresses these themes, together with all sorts of decorative embellishments and architectural necessities that should be considered when planning a garden, or thinking about making changes to enhance an existing space. The encouraging text looks at design issues from many perspectives, offering countless possibilities and solutions spanning a range of styles. How-to features present illustrated construction tips and explain technical principles, while the abundant, beautiful photography will have readers pondering the addition of a metal obelisk for the roses, or a sensational pebble mosaic for a sequestered patio. A handsome resource guide for sophisticated gardens. Alice JoyceCopyright Â© American Library

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Bamboo Barriers, a Timbered Lych-Gate, Neat White Pickets and a Pebbled Path Whether simple as a twig teepee for your 'Blue Lake' beans or grand as a gazebo shingled in weathered cedar, a structural element not only serves a practical purpose but also has the power to define a garden's mood, guide its uses, anchor it in time, and deepen its meaning. In this generously illustrated book of ideas and plans is all of the help a gardener needs to transform dirt, plants, and dreams in to a unique outdoor home. Featuring: The Garden's Boundaries - They protect, they frame, they shelter. A rickrack edging in brick. Moon gates. Matching fence styles to house. The Garden Above - The sky beckons, and we benefit - in roses and berries coaxed forth by the sun, in the dappled shade of an arbor, pergola, or arch. The Garden Underfoot - Clogs crunching on gravel, boot soles on brick pavers. A sinuous path through the shrubberies then the terrace. The Living Garden - Bending the garden to our own design, creating living architecture. Growing the bones with hedges and espaliers, taking root with potting sheds and greenhouses.

This book is inspirational and has provided some ideas to try to incorporate into the farm garden landscape (using alternate plants that can tolerate the Texas heat). Also gave a copy to a fellow gardener who is delighted with the contents.

This is a gorgeously illustrated book with hundreds of ideas to inspire the gardener who wants to add architectural elements to their garden. Be aware, however, that this is mainly a collection of photographs and does not provide much in the way of how to actually go about constructing these projects yourself. The book is divided into sections covering fences, walks, hedges, structures, etc. Each section features an array of photographs which illustrate every conceivable aspect of the topic. The photos are beautiful and are the definite selling point of this book.

I am a master gardener and took this book out at the library. The designs and writing were so significant, that I ordered the book from for my library.

Fun to look at but don't expect to learn how to do any of these designs from this book. It's a coffee table book.

Unexceptionably superb

Was looking for design ideas. This is a good book for that purpose. It's also just fun to browse through. Some of the settings are so beautiful and peaceful and wonderfully photographed. Nice enough to leave on the coffee table.

Great research book!

shared this book with a friend who is building a structure that he is wanting a special garden roof for.

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