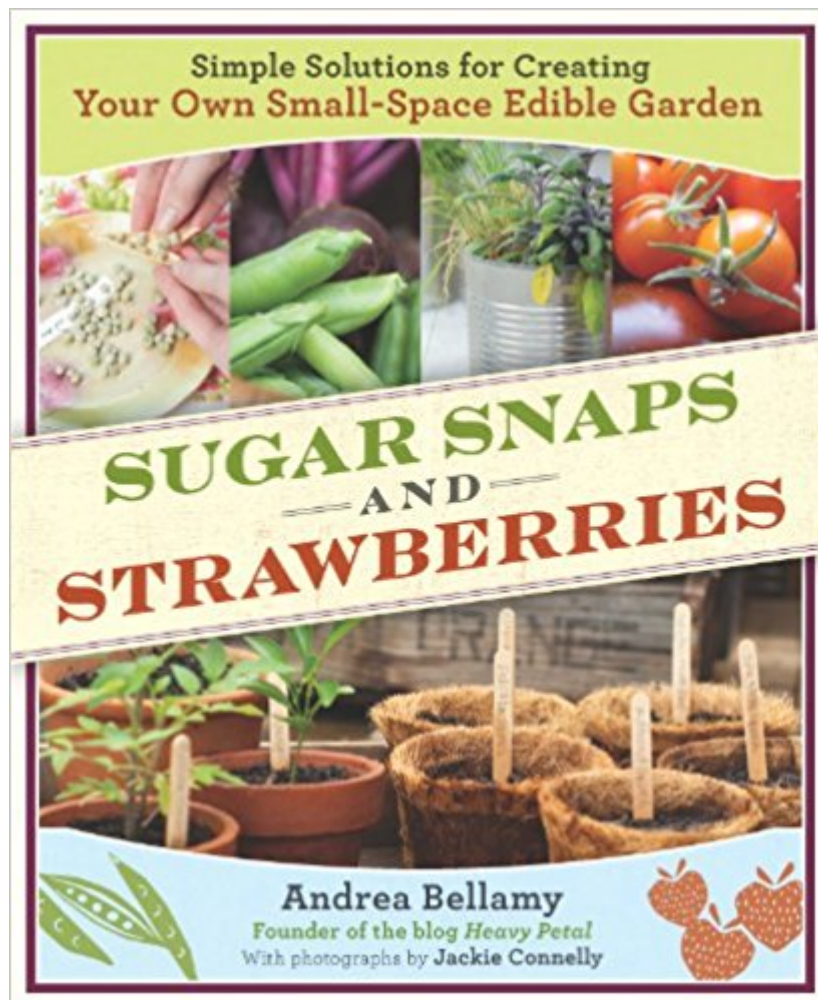




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# Sugar Snaps And Strawberries: Simple Solutions For Creating Your Own Small-Space Edible Garden



## Synopsis

Imagine savoring fresh-picked strawberries on a weekend morning, plucking plump figs from your mini-orchard to quarter and serve at a farm-to-table meal with friends, or harvesting and sautéing the edible stalks of garlic bulbs. If the size of your space is bringing you back to reality, here's the best part: you don't need a big backyard to grow your own food. In fact, you don't need a yard at all. Andrea Bellamy, founder of the acclaimed blog Heavy Petal, gives you the dirt on growing gorgeous organic food with very little square footage. Simple, straightforward, design and growing advice can help you transform just a snippet of space into a stylish and edible oasis. Bellamy goes beyond the surface and shows you how to create and maintain healthy soil, decide what and when to plant, sow seeds and harvest, and most importantly, enjoy the process. So go ahead, picture that tiny nook, corner, strip, porch, alley, balcony, or postage-stamp-sized yard overflowing with fingerling potatoes, fragrant herbs, sugar snap peas, French breakfast radishes, and scarlet runner beans. Armed with luscious photography, encouraging tips, and sophisticated designs, you're sure to be inspired to join the grow-your-own revolution.

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A movement to embrace home-grown edibles, whether propelled by economics or the hope for sustainability, is taking shape around us, writes Bellamy, setting the stage for a thorough introduction to the basics of creating a small-space garden, in which beauty combines with functionality. Bellamy offers design tips as she discusses assessing space and common site

problems (e.g., poor drainage); preparing containers, raised beds, and soil; sowing; growing; maintaining plant health; pruning; and harvesting. Highlighted are edibles from apples to zucchini, with details for the cultivation and enjoyment of each fruit and vegetable, including useful growing tips and information on the most popular varieties. Of particular inspiration are Bellamy's suggestions for veggie patches on balconies, patios, and the tiniest of city plots. Many full-page color photographs by Jackie Connelly complete this yummy and useful presentation. --Whitney Scott

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This is one good book. So much information and the information is very, very practical. I just discovered it this year just before I planted some veggies. It was my go to book. Whether a beginner or an experienced gardener I feel there is something here for everyone.

Sugar Snaps and Strawberries is a good book for beginners and a good refresher course for those

of us who have been gardening for a while. What I look for in a gardening book is one that is written by an individual with extensive gardening knowledge who has great information to pass along. Too many books are put out by publishing companies which are nothing more than coffee table books with colorful pictures and basic, basic info. This book is the former.

A very basic book with useful information and lovely photography. I would make a great gift for that friend who wants to grow a green thumb.

Can't wait to garden this year.

this was the 2nd book i ordered, as a gift for someone. I love it and have used over and over for my raised beds in garden.

The book is an easy read and has some good ideas for setting up gardens in small spaces. I got what I was looking for.

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Very useful book, with details about about each kind of plants, and also about the big picture issues: how to plan your garden,

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