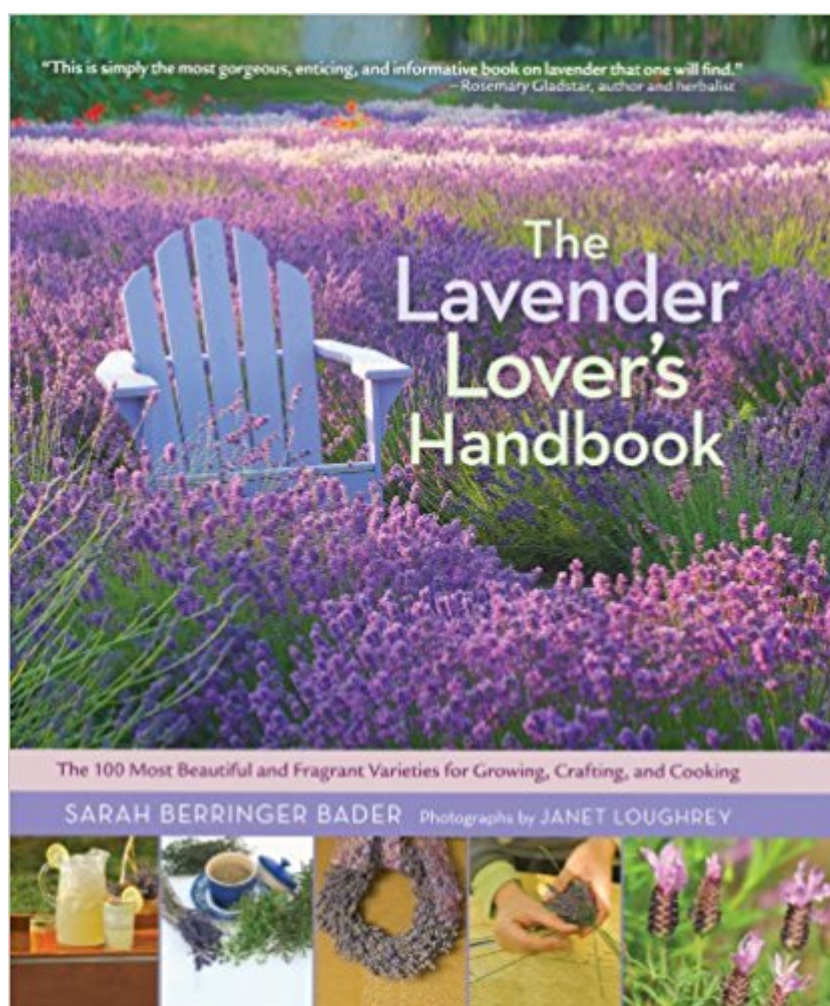


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# The Lavender Lover's Handbook: The 100 Most Beautiful And Fragrant Varieties For Growing, Crafting, And Cooking



## Synopsis

Do you think it pisses God off when you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it? Alice Walker's *The Lavender Lover's Handbook* provides a complete checklist of the color, fragrance, size, and foliage of the 100 easiest, most stunning lavenders available today. In addition to details about spacing, planting, pruning, Sarah Berringer Bader offers tips to harvest, cook, and craft with this wonderful herb. The abundant variety, hardiness, fragrance, and culinary opportunities make lavender one of the most popular and versatile plants, and with this practical and accessible guide, it's easier than ever to grow lush lavender at home.

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One of the most distinctive and beloved fragrances in the world, lavender has justifiably earned its multitude of devotees, thanks to its soothing and delicate aroma, varied culinary and healing properties, and rewarding landscape versatility. A bit tricky, a tad temperamental, yes, but for those who are willing to do a little advance planning and provide a smidgen of TLC, lavender will reward the observant gardener with enough sensory benefits to make it all worthwhile. Along with a thorough and enlightened discussion of lavender's specific cultural requirements and landscape applications as well as a succinct compilation of 100 top varieties, Bader offers an extensive collection of recipes and instructions for everything from lavender desserts and drinks to wreaths and wands. A nationally recognized lavender expert, Bader cultivates 5,000 plants representing more than 90 cultivars on a small Oregon farm, and her uncommon depth of practical experience

and unrivaled knowledge make this an indispensable manual for the seasoned gardener and an inspiring guide for anyone captivated by lavender's alluring qualities. --Carol Haggas

• Sarah Bader offers an extensive collection of recipes and instructions for everything from lavender desserts and drinks to wreaths and wands. • "Booklist" • "The best recent all around lavender book with something for gardeners, crafters, and cooks alike." • "Library Journal" • "This book is the heady distillation of [Sarah Bader's] knowledge." • "Country Gardens" • "Covers a wide range of aspects of growing and using the popular herb." • "Akron Beacon Journal" • "The book is filled with glorious pictures, tasteful recipes, fabulous crafts, and a wonderful education on growing lavender." • "Karen's Korner" • "A field guide, growing guide, and craft guide all in one, The Lavender Lover's Handbook has something for anyone who loves this plant." • "Books Yarn Ink Blog"

Love, love, love this book! If you enjoy lavender and want to know more about it, this is a good choice. I originally borrowed from the library; I liked it so much that I had to buy it.

Thank you Sarah Bader for your excellent and helpful guide to growing lavender. I refer to this book over and over when caring for my small lavender bed. Great go-to book if you are wanting to grow and learn about lavender!

Great book on Lavender and very informative. I was happy with my purchase and many of my questions were answered within the book. I learned a lot about the different types and now I have a better understanding of growing and enjoying Lavender.

Great book if you want to identify lavender....my only regret is there are only 100 types described!!! But, if you are trying to decide the best lavender for show, or oil, or containers, or color, or culinary use, or height, or width, or length of flowering season, or growing zone, or whatever...each of the 100 she describes has all that!

This a great book for everyone, beginners to experienced. Nice details re. various lavender plants, nice gift and recipe section. I actually gave my original book away and immediately ordered another for myself.

this book told me everything i wanted to know about the cultivation and care of lavender. i too have been mulling over planting a field with this hardy herb. the text was easy to read and the photos were "colorful" to say the least. i'd write more but... i gotta' get diggin' !

Not only beautiful to look at but such a wealth of information. It's getting plenty of use in helping me plan the choices for a lavender bed going in within the next few weeks. Plenty of fun and delicious ideas for using lavender as well. Very pleased with the whole book.

This book is descriptive, informative, and full of fine photography. It is an invaluable teaching tool as well as an enjoyable read and makes for a good conversation starter, whether or not you have ever bought, sold or grown lavender as a crop or to make products out of it is a treasure. I thoroughly recommend this book.

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