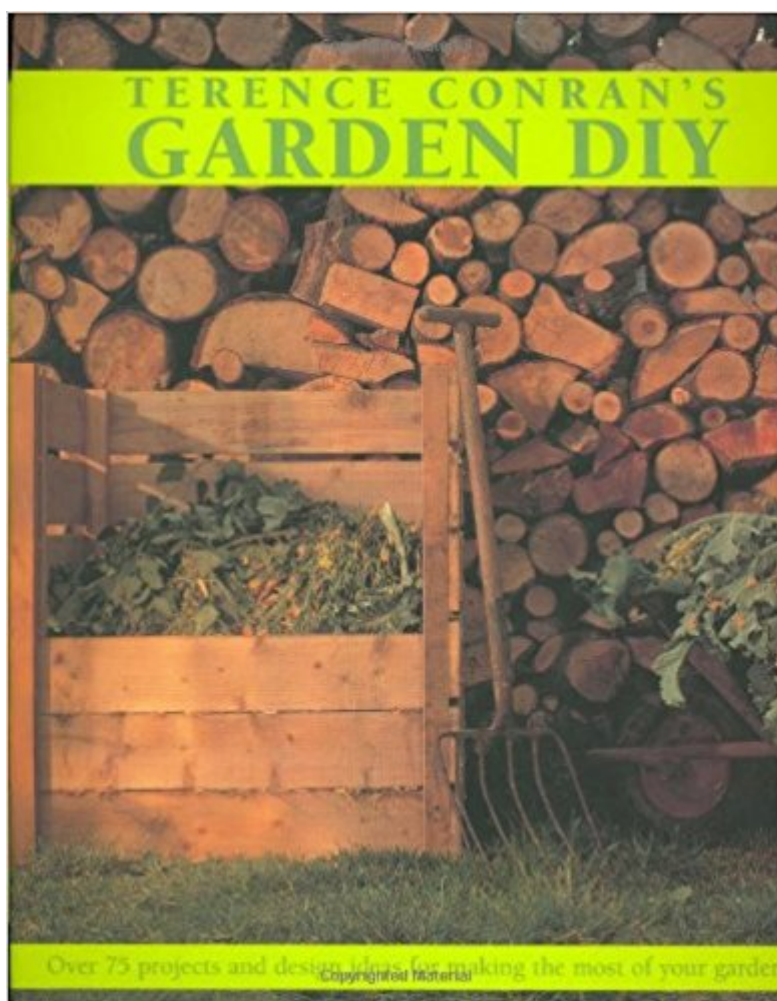


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Terence Conran's Garden DIY: Over 75 Projects And Design Ideas For Making The Most Of Your Garden



Synopsis

Add flair to your garden and value to your property! What does your garden need to look its best--a comfortable bench to rest on while appreciating the beauty around you? A summer house to use for storage...or as an artist's studio? A delightfully bubbling water sculpture? This companion to Terence Conran's innovative *DIY By Design* takes do-it-yourself outdoors with these, and other, projects for gardens big and small. Dazzling photographs offer an inspiring glimpse of what others have done, as well as advice on planning a garden and what practicalities to consider. The projects cover five major areas of design: Seating and Eating; Garden Houses; Patios, Paths, and Ponds; Supports and Dividers; and Containers--and there's a complete discussion of tools, materials, and techniques. 130 fail-safe color illustrations enable you to construct an octagonal tree seat, barbecue, rabbit run, jardiniere, walk-through pergola, and more--30 projects in all. 160 pages (all in color), 9 1/2 x 11.

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Customer Reviews

Terence Conran is one of the world's best-known designers, restaurateurs and retailers. In the 1960s he founded Habitat - the chain of homeware stores that brought good, modern design within reach of the general population for the very first time. Over the subsequent 50 years Terence built another group of companies centred around design, retailing, restaurants and hotels. Today, Conran owns restaurants and shops in eight cities throughout the world and a design business

serving many international clients that includes architecture and interior design, product and graphic design and brand licensing. In January 2011 Conran began working with Marks & Spencer in the UK, designing an exclusive range of homewares for the store. In 2012 Conran signed a deal to collaborate with US retail giant jcpenny to design an exclusive range of furniture, lighting and accessories for the home. The initial collection launched in spring 2013 into 300 jcpenny stores throughout the US and there will be new ranges launching each spring and autumn. Terence was knighted for his services to design in 1983 and has been provost of the Royal College of Art in London. In 1982 he opened the very first museum in the world dedicated to design, which is now the celebrated Design Museum in London, due to move to new premises in 2015 thanks to a massive expansion programme.

Terence Conran's GARDEN DIY (do it yourself) contains 75 doable projects from a child's play house to various other wood, stone, brick, terracotta, and cement projects for your outside garden rooms. Conran shows several examples for each garden structure (pergolas, trellises, arbors, fences, patios, paths, ponds, and plant containers) with complete instructions for at least one example in each set. For example, the section showing a variety of seating arrangements, includes a complete set of instructions for making a very pretty yellow painted garden bench with slatted 1"x1" rails. One needs to review the instructions before determining whether the materials and/or tools are on hand or available, but Conran tells the reader exactly what s/he will need for each illustrated project. I borrowed the book from the library and decided not to purchase it because the items Conran illustrates do not meet my particular needs. Currently, I am looking for instructions for a garden screen to restrict my view of the next-door neighbor's yard. While Conran includes a few items that would fit the definition of a garden screen his examples do not match what I have in mind. I needed a screen in another part of the yard where I was less worried about blocking sunlight (against a fence for example) his illustrations would prove more helpful. The best sections of the book from my perspective include his great illustrations for hen-houses/bird houses. These fowl shelters are so beautiful I would build one but I live in an area that does not allow chickens--even ornate feathered pet chickens. His examples of garden houses are also beautiful but I don't need a garden house because I already have one. If you're just beginning to create structures for your outdoor rooms and think you may want to "do it yourself" you'll find plenty of ideas in this book.

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