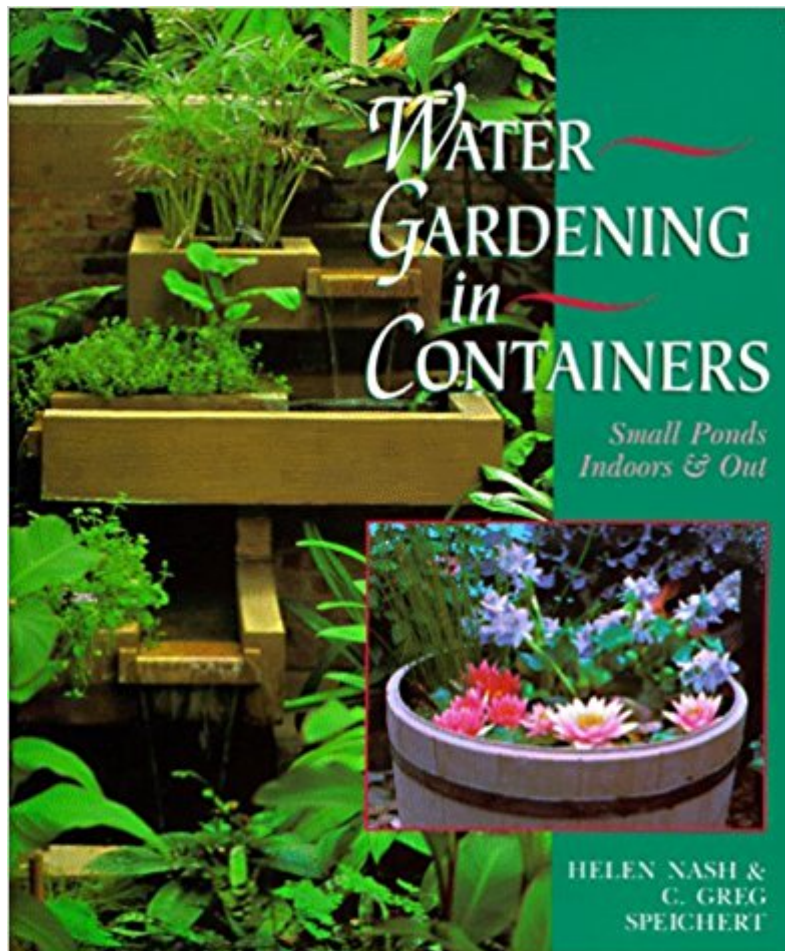




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# Water Gardening In Containers: Small Ponds, Indoors & Out



## Synopsis

Just because you don't have a pond, or time for one, doesn't mean you'll never enjoy a water garden. All you need is a container no bigger than a fish aquarium and a few minutes a week. Choose from a surprising variety of containers and plantings, from classic lotuses and small water lilies peeking out of traditional urns, to pots and tubs on windowsills and door stoops. Here is the basic information needed on how to select a container (anything you can seal and make watertight); the most attractive low-maintenance plants and how to care for them; how to stock fish; how to adapt your care to the four seasons; and much more -- all with color photos to inspire your ideas, and close-up photos and drawings to show you how to carry out each step of preparation, manufacture, and care.

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## Customer Reviews

The authors combine the art of container gardening with that of water gardening, resulting in this engaging book on water gardens in containers. The Chinese have been doing this for nearly 5,000 years--in pots, urns, and tubs. Nash and Speichert explain the basics: how to choose containers and make them watertight, how to select and install a small pump, how to select the appropriate type of fish, and how to protect fish and plants from predators. There are chapters on creating tub gardens, dish and indoor container gardens, aquatic hanging baskets, aquatic planters, and window boxes. There is information on making an English trough garden, an aquatic topiary, a patio pond, a fountain sculpture, a lotus garden, and a carnivorous bog garden. There are helpful photographs in

color on every page. Creating these water gardens is not as easy as the authors would have you believe, but with time and perseverance it can be done. George Cohen

I have a smaller suburban yard and every corner is utilized. Though envious of a friend with an in-ground pond and waterfall, I did not want to dig up existing shrubs and perennials to satisfy my yen for water. Since I already grow vegetables, herbs, ornamental grasses and perennials in containers, I thought why not a water garden. This book showed me what I could do with one of my empty oak barrels. I had a lovely mini pond with running water. I added 3 fish, water plants, and bought some toad tadpoles from a nearby garden centre. I liked it so much I'm going to do some smaller containers as well as a couple of glazed pots with water lilies. The only thing is to overwinter water plants you need a small indoor aquarium with grow lights, or a helpful friend with a pond. Enjoy and experiment! P.S. Although the toads might not be able to breed in my yard, for the rest of the summer the little toadlets were happily hopping around in my yard eating bugs.

I always thought that Container Water Gardening was a difficult and expensive thing to do/have but it is not. This book has given me great ideas to have and enjoy a nice little container in my front porch. Very detailed. I even have goldfish in mine and my friends love the idea. I think I have many doing same thing. I also purchased the CONTAINER WATER GARDENS and they help me side by side (I like to get as much info as I can). I now enjoy this wonderful, trickling sound, the beautiful colors of plants and not to mention the joy of having the gold fish in there - funny how I never ever liked goldfish until now. I've got several, very orange, spotted with white and some with black. LOVE IT LOVE IT LOOOOVE IT!

Short, but lots of good ideas for container water gardening. Good information for a beginner, but probably not enough for an experienced water gardener. Nice selection of water plants reviewed, but the ideas and different types of containers used in the illustrated water gardens are the real jewels of this book. I liked the section on carnivorous plants too! And making a paludarium. Never heard of a paludarium? I hadn't either. Read the book!

This book is well illustrated and is a great "idea book" for people who want to see the many types of container water garden possibilities. There are also several useful tips that make the book worthwhile. Contents are: 1. Basics, 2. Tub gardens, 3. Dish and indoor gardens, 4. Hanging baskets, 5. Planters & window boxes, 6. Creative containers, 7. Patio ponds, 8. Fountains, statuary

& wall containers, 9. Paludariums (semi-aquatic glass tank gardens that can house plants & pets), 10. Lotus, 11. Carnivorous plants. Who knew there were so many types of water container gardens? Several chapters have step-by-step pictures for setting up the containers and placing fixtures and plants. However, the book is terribly deficient in detail - each chapter has about a brochure's worth of text. Although many pond books suggest that novices will find a container garden to be an easy first water project, there are some unique challenges - in particular: temperature control, selecting pumps & filters suitable for small containers, controlling quality of a small water volume, and choosing plants that are best for containers. I have several pond/general water gardening books, and I bought this book hoping for more info specific to container gardens. The book is particularly deficient in information about the various plants. Unlike most water garden books, there is no section devoted to plant specifications and requirements (other than lotuses and carnivorous plants). In many of the photographs, the plants are not identified. This severely limits the value of the book as a brainstorming tool. The book also does a very poor job of explaining the water quality and temperature problems that will arise if one attempts to add fish or other animals to the container. Finally, there is no climate zone related information, and there is no discussion whatsoever of what to do with these gardens in the winter. Part of my disappointment with this book is that I bought the hardcover edition and paid too much for it (doh!). I think this book is worth it as an idea book, just realize that to create a container water garden of your own, this is by no means the only book you will need.

This book was just what I wanted to help me learn about water plants and marginal plants. It was in easy to understand, plain language and is a very concise. Great pictures and the price was right also.

I love this book! I have always been enamoured with ponds and water gardens, but thought I would have to own a home to have one. This book shows how to create the perfect container water garden for any size yard, patio, or even room. Great how-to's step by step. Gorgeous pictures. Great ideas. Thank you for such a beautiful, practical and affordable book!

Nice book. Informative. Lots of helpful information

I found this book to be truly helpful as I'm a first time water gardener and I really enjoyed the fact that it had colored pictures.

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