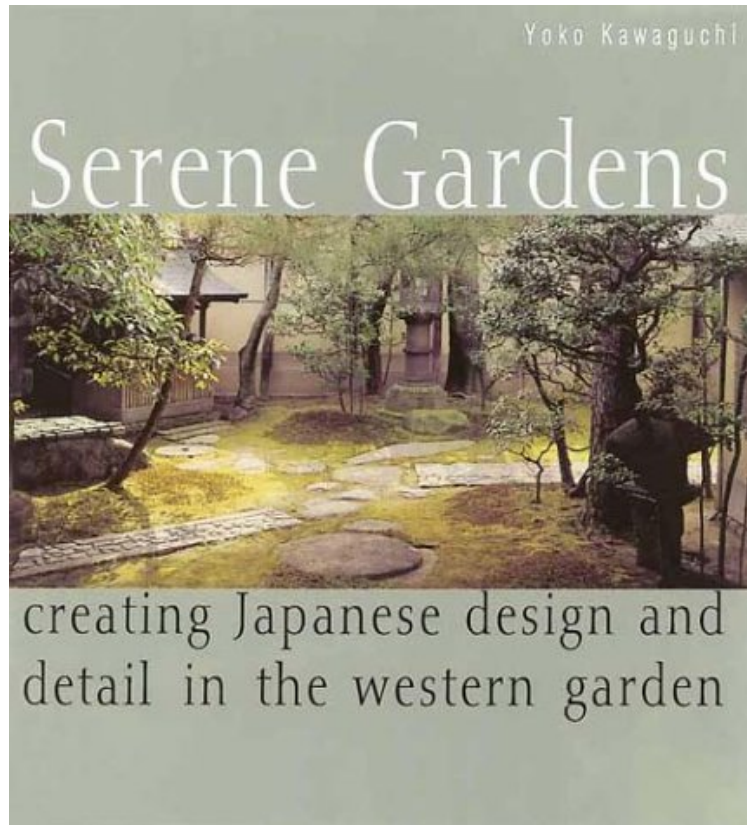


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With their superbly shaped trees and shrubs, subtly colored foliage, and emphasis on nature in its pure state, Japanese Zen gardens are spaces of beauty and tranquility. *Serene Gardens* is an exquisitely illustrated introduction to the style and its traditions and the only book that explains how to use western plants and materials to achieve the minimalist look beloved by Japanese garden designers. Gardeners will find plant lists; climate zone maps; instructions for selecting readily available flora, wood, bamboo, rocks, and pebbles; and gorgeous color photographs showcasing gardens from around the world.

From the Publisher From earliest times, the formal gardens of Japan have represented the mountains and waterfalls, lakes and streams of the natural world. In their reverence for the landscape and the seasons, Japanese gardeners have always made exquisite use of natural materials, such as bamboo, rocks, and pebbles. Having explored the traditional Japanese approach to garden design from hill and pond gardens with their islands and bridges, and tea gardens with their stone lanterns and water features, to Zen dry gardens with their use of moss and pebbles Yoko Kawaguchi shows Western gardeners how to recreate Japanese garden design and detail, whether in a tiny urban setting or a large country plot. Throughout, there is an abundance of practical suggestions for locally available plants and materials, and stunning views of gardens in America, Japan, and Europe are complemented by close-up details. An extensive directory offers suggestions for selecting plants to create the desired effect, and climate zone maps offer additional detail on their hardiness. No matter how small your outdoor space, *Serene Gardens* offers endless ideas for creating your own natural haven of peace and tranquility. About the Author Yoko Kawaguchi is bilingual in English and Japanese, having been brought up in the USA, Canada and Japan. A keen gardener, she has lived in Britain for the past decade and contributes regular articles to horticultural magazines including *The Garden*, the journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. This is her first book. Her current home is in Cardiff, Wales.