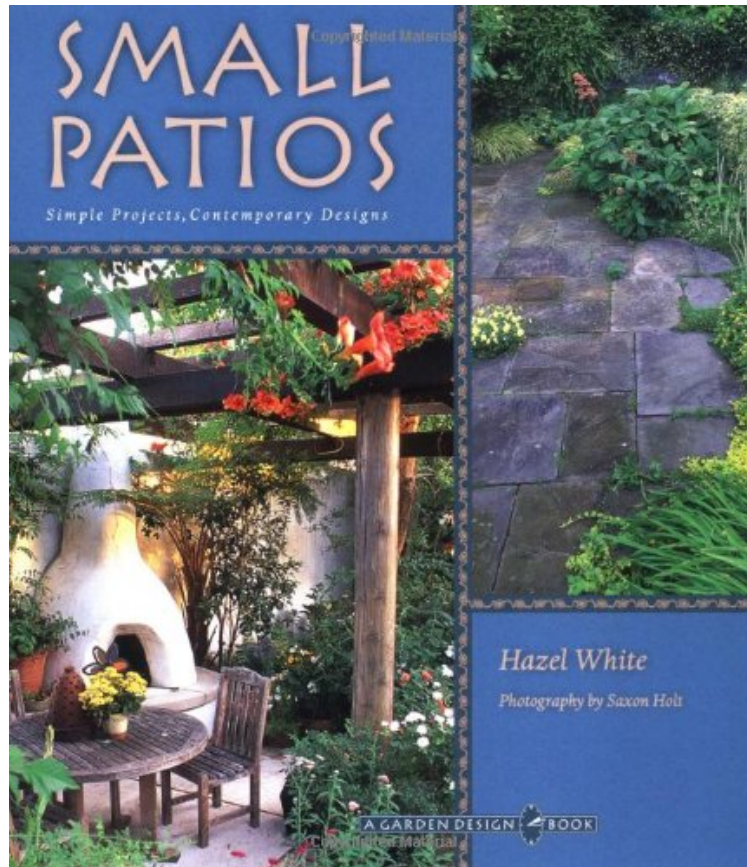


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.com "A garden that lacks privacy fails as a living space," writes Hazel White, author of this do-it-yourself guide to small patios. Managing editor of the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, White knows how to turn a swath of untamed land into an outdoor room, and most importantly, she knows how to teach readers to do it. Those who feel daunted by the prospect of bringing in tile or slate and building a floor themselves will feel encouraged after perusing this volume. There's a wide variety of patio "recipes" to choose from here: granite chips in a grass square, an outdoor dining room protected by a rose bower, a lush pondside terrace. In the opening pages White covers essential topics such as drainage, placement, size, and materials. She also muses on the function of the patio in daily life: "you can read the headlines of the morning newspaper in the fresh air while you also read the clouds and the prospect of warmth or rain." *Small Patios* will appeal to do-it-yourself types who want to pour concrete and move gravel; it will also appeal to dreamers who are thinking of building a patio someday, and simply want to know how it's done. --Emily White

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