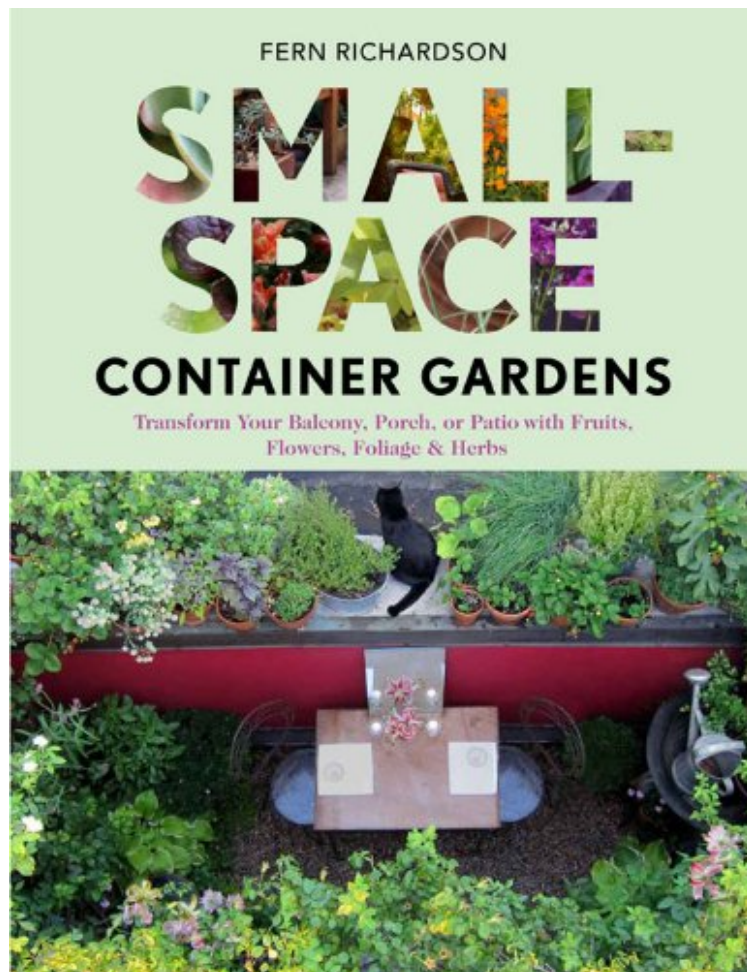


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16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Chic, elegant container designs and DIY projectsBy Gen of North Coast GardeningI've been a fan of Fern's stylish blog Life on the Balcony for some time. Fern's like an approachable version of Martha Stewart for container gardeners - while her photos and ideas are gorgeously inspiring, her projects are never so difficult or time-consuming that I feel I couldn't possibly fit them into a weekend, unlike some of Martha's

cool but overly involved eye candy. So when Fern's new book *Small-Space Container Gardens* came out, I already had two copies pre-ordered, one for myself and one to give as a gift. I just knew I was going to love it. And sure enough, I do! The book is structured as a total from-the-ground-up guide to having a gorgeous balcony garden. While you might think that would encompass only container planting, she also shares numerous tips on design and dcor, dealing with narrow spaces, vertical gardening, and issues unique to balcony gardeners like how to deal with rain pouring in sheets off the roof and onto your potted plants. Even better, Fern's DIY style is made easy and fun with numerous tutorials and crafts throughout the book. I absolutely adored the chalkboard planter idea for taking ordinary, inexpensive pots and making them cute and functional. How many times have I gotten a call from a client just before dinnertime wondering whether the plant with big leaves was the oregano or the sage? Now, I can show horticulturally-challenged gardeners this tutorial and they can create their own (very chic) labeled pots for their edibles. What a great gift idea! I felt this way with all of the tutorials in the book. Fern made everything look so elegant that I immediately wanted to rush out, get a few supplies, and make `em happen. She showed a small-space DIY birdbath which would be perfect nestled among a few potted plants. And the mod-minimalist bird feeder idea? I totally want to adapt this project and make it my own (I mean, purple would be mod-minimalist too, right? Right?). I also loved that Fern made cohesive garden design easy with her small-space patio design plans. She created full container planting designs for a Verdant and Vertical Garden, Potager With a Twist (some great edible and cocktail garden ingredients!), Succulents and Scents, and more. It's not just the planting ideas, either; she mixes dcor tips and layout ideas into her plans so you can see how all the elements fit together. The book is beautifully-photographed and designed, and would make a great gift for the beginning or advanced container gardener. The text covers all that a beginner would need to know in clear language, while the designs and DIY projects offer enough interest to keep even pros like me coming back for more.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Lots of Pics, not as much detail
By Shawn
I was hoping for more out of the book, I feel like it has a lot of pictures and basic information but not as much detail as I was looking for. Its a good coffee table book and the pics do help for inspiration!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very generic.... bland.....
By D. Johnson
A very generic (bland) book I was hoping for more technical information about soils and well specifics. This is pretty much an extension of what you might see on a spring time daily talk show.....
Example ... when it discusses soil... "buy a premium brand potting soil" ...??? Nothing here that you cannot gather on line more specific to your needs.

Small? Yes.

"Filled with useful information, but written in a relaxed, chatty style, [*Small-Space Container Gardens*] is a great cover-to-cover read, while also working well as a reference guide if you're looking for specific tips, such as container plants that attract butterflies..." (Susan Morrison, author of *Garden Up!*)