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Joanna Smith : The Brand New Garden: From Bare Plot to Stylish Garden in 5 Easy Steps before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Brand New Garden: From Bare Plot to Stylish Garden in 5 Easy Steps:

Go from bare plot to blooming parcel in five easy steps with these simple gardening solutions. Begin with practical pointers for selecting a style and drawing up a plan. Choose from a wealth of tips, including quick fixes for instant privacy, access, and color. Master the art of garden maintenance, install water elements, and establish seating areas. Six designs, from romantic to kid-friendly, provide inspiration and guidance.

From Publishers Weekly Gardening writer Smith offers this slim but useful primer for designing and redoing small gardens. Chapters, marked by color-coded tabs, highlight her five steps in planning a garden: "Where to Start," "Temporary Measures," "Make the Framework," "Fill in the Detail," and "Put the Plan into Action." Many of her recommendations are perfect for urban dwellers with small plots of land (or even those who want to garden on terraces or balconies) as well as gardeners wanting to redo the landscape surrounding their summer cottages. To begin, she recommends choosing a style (e.g., formal vs. informal, symmetrical vs. relaxed) and then making a plan on paper to help concretize the ideas. Then she launches into advice on removing rubble, making way for drainage, leveling the land and adding topsoil. From there, she recommends building the framework, such as fences, stone borders and brick terraces. Unlike many U.K. gardening imports, which include information on local gardening zones instead of U.S. climates, this book translates well to the needs of gardeners across the pond. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. Faced with a new garden many people have visions of an instant "Ground Force" makeover. But

where to begin? How to avoid costly mistakes? This attractively presented book attempts to offer advice from the basics to the more complex design projects. Divided into 5 simple stages, author Joanna Smith explains how to assess your new plot, how to add instant interest cheaply, how to plan for the future and how to carry out the work itself. Colour photographs and illustrations throughout display innovative ideas to translate into your own plans and key bullet points focus the mind on the more pertinent facts. An eye on the pursestrings is an underlying factor ensuring the projects embarked on do not go to waste in later years but add a mature background for more expensive projects to be carried out when funds are more readily available. Ending on a series of evolving designs of 7 differently styled gardens, this is a book for beginner gardeners, those faced with a new home and only a builder's dumping ground for a garden and, aware the house itself will be taking up most of any spare funds, Joanna's aim is to show how cheaply the bones of an attractive garden can be laid. - Lucy Watson

About the Author Joanna Smith began her career as a Features Editor on a gardening magazine. Since then she has written countless garden magazine features, and commissioned and edited a wide range of gardening books. She lives in Sussex where she is restoring her cottage garden.