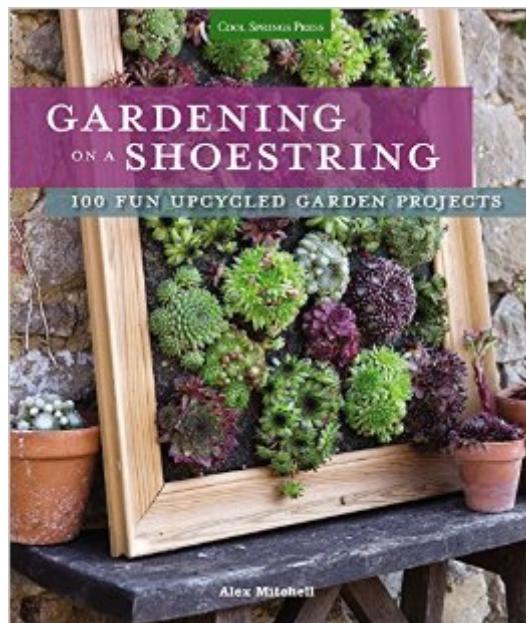


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Gardening On A Shoestring: 100 Fun Upcycled Garden Projects



Synopsis

Growing a pretty garden doesn't have to cost a pretty penny--learn how to create a low-cost garden using a little elbow grease, a lot of creativity, and this book. *Gardening on a Shoestring* will ease the tension on any gardener's pocketbook, while inspiring them with fun, creative projects for up-cycling, gardening ideas, tips, and alternative designs that will make gardening a pleasure--and an economical one, to boot! By combining classic gardening skills with ultra-creative ideas, author Alex Mitchell teaches readers 100 ways to up-cycle their gardens by creating ingenious green-thumb DIY projects and grow lush gardens. From up-cycling common objects (such as tin cans, old potato sacks, and colanders) to revisiting basic garden techniques (growing from seed, for example), a garden's overall cost can drop dramatically. Thanks to photography, illustrations, and plenty of additional tips, this book has plenty of fodder for readers to create a better garden. Included in *Gardening on a Shoestring* are outdoor furnishing projects, edible gardening information, and sage advice for garden upkeep. Examples of what you'll find include: Vintage tin herb garden Tapestry of succulents Garden center shopping tips Water-bottle watering system Gardening stools from old tires How to not spend a fortune online. . . and much more! Whether you're a new homeowner tackling the mortgage monster, a renter not wanting to leave permanent traces in your temporary home, or a cost-conscious gardener looking for a slew of creative tips, this book belongs on your bookshelf.

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Gardening on a Shoestring: 100 Fun Upcycled Garden Projects speaks to the home crafter in us all. The newest book from Alex Mitchell (author of several titles including The Edible Balcony: Growing Fresh Produce in Small Spaces), Shoestring offers simple gardening tips, plant recommendations, and money-saving shortcuts to achieve popular garden plantings. My initial expectation was for Shoestring to be laid out somewhat like Pinterest, but in book form. I expected each project to be numbered, and each task to be a simple, one-off guide for a particular gardening craft. Actually, Shoestring is laid out more like a conventional gardening book, with sections dedicated to topics such as initial garden set-up, container gardening, food gardening, and pest control. Although this wasn't what I was expecting, the format works incredibly well. Not only does Mitchell offer garden projects within a variety of topics, the layout of the book acts as a clear narrative for the beginner gardener. A section of Shoestring even addresses how to achieve particular garden designs such as a prairie garden or a topiary garden on a budget. Garden tool hacks and high-performing plants are sprinkled liberally throughout the text. Each project in the book is ranked in terms of difficulty, from simple to fairly challenging. A section titled "Wonderful Willow" covers eight pages and might be my favorite section of the book. Mitchell first addresses what willow to buy for garden tasks and then takes the reader through various projects using this organic, renewable, and affordable resource. Willow can be used to create tepees, arches, and even raised beds.

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