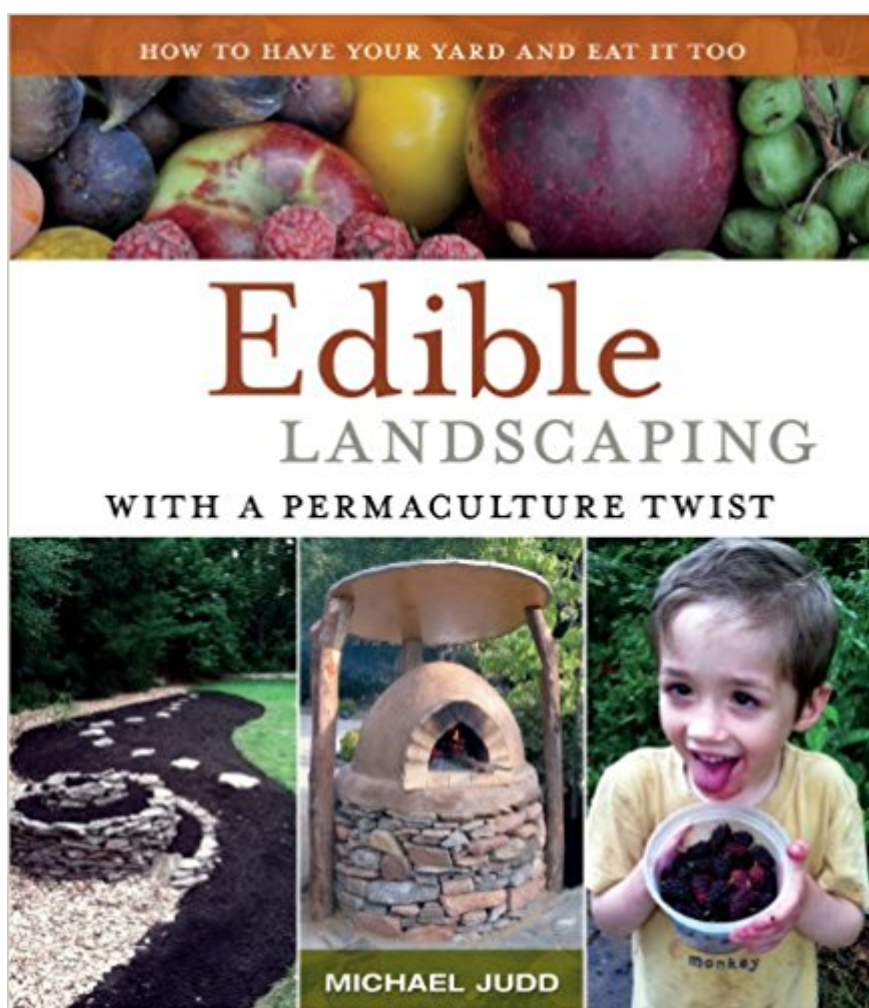


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Edible Landscaping With A Permaculture Twist: How To Have Your Yard And Eat It Too



Synopsis

Edible Landscaping with a Permaculture Twist is a how-to manual for the budding gardener and experienced green thumb alike, full of creative and easy-to-follow designs that guide you to having your yard and eating it, too. With the help of more than 200 beautiful color photos and drawings, permaculture designer and avid grower Michael Judd takes the reader on a step-by-step process to transform a sea of grass into a flourishing edible landscape that pleases the eye as well as the taste buds. With personality and humor, he translates the complexities of permaculture design into simple self-build projects, providing full details on the evolving design process, material identification, and costs. Chapters cover: Herb Spirals Food Forests Raised-Bed Gardens Earthen Ovens Uncommon Fruits Outdoor Mushroom Cultivation, and more . . . The book's colorful pages are filled with practical designs that Judd has created and built over years of workshops, homesteading, and running an edible landscaping business. Though geared toward suburban gardeners starting from scratch, the book's designs can be easily grafted to the micro-habits of the urban landscape, scaled up to the acreage of homesteads, or adapted to already flourishing landscapes. Edible Landscaping with a Permaculture Twist is a tool to spark and inform the imagination of anyone with a desire to turn their landscape into a luscious and productive edible Eden.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Judd has worked with agro-ecological and whole-system designs throughout the Americas for nearly two decades, focusing on applying permaculture and ecological design. His projects

increase local food security and community health in both tropical and temperate growing regions. He is the founder of Ecologia Edible & Ecological Landscape Design and Project Bona Fide, an international nonprofit supporting agro-ecology research. Michael lives with his wife, Ashley, in Frederick, Maryland, where they are creating a permaculture homestead. They are building a circular straw bale home and expecting a baby ninja by the end of 2013.

First of all, this book is visually luscious!--a delight to browse even if you never read a word of the text. However, for those of us who actually buy gardening books in order to learn new things, it is a niche gardening book that is grounded in the emerging philosophy of consuming food that grows on trees, shrubs and perennial, rather than easily-destructible annual plants. The book is suitable for beginning and advanced gardeners, alike, as Michael Judd gives us philosophy inspiration, rational reasons and detailed how-to's for six unique projects:- Herb garden constructed as a spiral so that the heat-absorbing materials help extend the growing season;- Earth-covered oven for environmentally-friendly outdoor cooking;- Raingardens and bioswales (planted ditches) that channel and absorb stormwater so as to reduce polluted runoff;- Hugelkultur mounds, which use nature's technique of mixing soil with decomposing wood to create high-fertility, soft, raised garden beds;- Food forests, which produce a wide variety of edibles in a limited amount of space, accompanied by a supportive chapter on unusual fruits that can be grown throughout much of the continental U.S.;- Gourmet mushrooms that grow outdoors in your shaded backyard;- And many tantalizing tidbits like a column about making your own fruit-based wines. As a gardener dedicated to ecofriendly practices, I have been following Michael Judd's work, on these and other projects, for more than three years and am delighted to see it now made available to the general public. So, I highly recommend the book for anyone who wants to push his or her gardening knowledge and practices toward a more environmentally-friendly and sustainable future.

I bought this as a gift for my husband, and he loved it. He loves to research anything gardening and permaculture, and I was worried that this would just be a fancy picture book and he would not learn anything new (he spends HOURS learning the ins and outs of any of his interests), but he really enjoyed it. He identified with the author and said he loved the tone the book was written in. He knew some of the information in the book, but also learned some new things. We plan on building the pizza oven together in the spring :) Bottom line: this is a good book for novice-advanced permies. Bonus points if they are visual and prefer nice pictures to walls of text.

This book is packed with amazing ideas, well illustrated explanations, and beautiful glossy photos. Plus, Michael Judd writes in a fun conversational way that is enjoyable and easy to digest. I think this book is a good companion to The Permaculture Handbook by Peter Bane (which I ordered at the same time and am currently reading). I read Edible Landscaping first, and the wonderful illustrations and beautiful photos are really helping visualize and understand permaculture concepts. You will learn about berms and swales, food forests, a cool spiral herb garden, cob building an outdoor oven, some delicious sounding cocktail recipes, and so much more.

Really enjoyed this book. I am neither a permaculture nor a landscaping expert, but I found the language very accessible and the ideas practical even for someone that wanted to do them on their own. Liked the fact that the book did not go overboard on the permaculture ethics, which I like and agree with to a large extent, but weren't what I was looking for. Would have liked more discussion of animal husbandry and how that fits into some of the designs, but I understand that that was not really the focus of the book. Again, really enjoyed this.

I found many sections of this book unique- esp. the sections on the spiral style herb garden; mushroom cultivation; and building a cob oven. The section on Hugelkultur was concise and very clear. The beautiful illustrations make that section and the one on contour swales a pleasure to read and understand. There is a vibe of sheer joy in this book that's infectious. Also, the author cites sources and references for further reading on all chapters. A great resource!

I have permaculture books and fruit books but wanted to build the outside fire oven. So I bought this book for the oven DIY instructions but was pleasantly surprised by all the bonus info. The websites to pick up the plants and the drinks there was enough to say that was a good buy. Very easy to read. Wished it was more technical and in depth but

Can't wait to begin

Really nice looking book. Great pictures and explanation on how to start a permaculture project in your back yard. Great examples of how to start on a small scale. Am using the book all the time.

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