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The Plant Recipe Book: 100 Living Arrangements For Any Home In Any Season



Synopsis

A follow-up to the widely popular Flower Recipe Book, The Plant Recipe Book is the next great thing in interior plant design, providing simple steps showing anyone how to create stunning living plant decor. Each one of the 100 "recipes" specifies the type and quantity of plants needed; clearly numbered instructions detail each step; and 400 photographs show how to place every stem. Traditional pots and plant containers are used, but so are less conventional vehicles and methods, like shutters and planting under glass. A basic how-to chapter provides planting techniques, a tools and materials list, sourcing and plant care information, and expert advice.

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Customer Reviews

Chapman provides a step-by-step guide to creating living plant combinations or centerpieces. First she discusses indoor gardening tools, containers, techniques, and maintenance, and then offers recipes that specify the ingredients needed by listing the type and quantity of plants. Chapman provides numbered instructions for arranging the plants, while 400 full-color photographs spark enthusiasm and provide guidance for the finished piece. The arrangement recipes are organized alphabetically by plant and use such mainstream favorites as violets and begonias. Each plant appears in multiple recipes, enabling indoor gardeners to creatively display a single variety of plant in diverse and exciting plantings. A single lily takes center stage in a fancy fruit bowl, for example, and can be mixed with rubber plants and star-of-Bethlehem. Chapman offers more complex arrangements, involving, in one recipe, primroses sharing space in a vintage metal toolbox with a

potato vine and five other plants. Many plant lovers will enjoy these creative, skill-building, and pleasing recipes. --Whitney Scott

"We felt confident we could whip up "mammillaria on its own," ...Seeing the spare, elegant results, it nearly made our mouth water" - New York Times "The Plant Recipe Book reads, above all, like a love letter to greenery," - Food 52 "Required Reading" - Dwell Magazine "Fab floral arrangements you can actually make" - Lonny Magazine "there are hardcover, lusciously photographed books that make us want to kick over the coffee table and make something...The Plant Recipe Book is the latter kind of book." The Horticulturist "An ingredient-by-ingredient approach to gardening" "container gardening, in this case. . . . Seeing the spare, elegant results, it nearly made our mouth water." "New York Times" "Chapman's new book will be cause for celebration. . . . The horticulture is daring and innovative. . . . A great addition to the library of any gardener; those whose tastes incline toward the small will find this book positively transformative." "Publishers Weekly" "Chapman is a master at creating living plant arrangements. She professes that mini-container gardens rival cut arrangements not only in beauty, but also in their longevity and ability to be repurposed. And, her creations prove it. . . . A feast of information and images, The Plant Recipe Book offers 100 of Chapman's recipes for creating living arrangements at home. Each recipe contains a plant and material ingredient list and easy to follow step-by-step assembly instructions illustrated with stunning images. Accessible to the brown and green thumb alike, the recipes range from a single plant ("on its own") to special occasion arrangements that require a bit more time and several ingredients." "Gardenista" "An ingredient-by-ingredient approach to gardening" "container gardening, in this case. . . . Seeing the spare, elegant results, it nearly made our mouth water." "New York Times" "Chapman's new book will be cause for celebration. . . . The horticulture is daring and innovative. . . . A great addition to the library of any gardener; those whose tastes incline toward the small will find this book positively transformative." "Publishers Weekly" "Chapman is a master at creating living plant arrangements. She professes that mini-container gardens rival cut arrangements not only in beauty, but also in their longevity and ability to be repurposed. And, her creations prove it. . . . A feast of information and images," The Plant Recipe Book "offers 100 of Chapman's recipes for creating living arrangements at home. Each recipe contains a plant and material ingredient list and easy to follow step-by-step assembly instructions illustrated with stunning images. Accessible to the brown and green thumb alike, the recipes range from a single plant ("on its own") to special occasion arrangements that require a bit more time and several ingredients." "Gardenista"

This book is perfect for me! I'm not creative enough to design my own arrangements, but I can follow directions very well. The photos are beautiful and each recipe comes with a clear list of recommended container, potting mix, and plants, even in what order to place the plants in the pot. I've followed several recipes and truly enjoy each one! So professional looking!

There is a lot to love here. The arrangements are truly stunning and original. The author is very specific about the size of the plants that go into each "recipe" as well as how long you can expect it to last. My book is already well peppered with post-its. What isn't as clear is that A LOT of the plants are difficult to find. Don't assume you can bookmark a recipe and trot down to your local nursery to get what you need. I had my heart set on several arrangements but could only find about half of what was required. Undeterred, I went home and searched the internet for several hours, only to find that things were currently unavailable or were more readily available overseas. There is almost no mention in the book regarding the rarity or seasonality of specimens. Seasoned gardeners might be more aware of these things, but I'm just a newbie with a lot to learn. An appendix or source list would've been a great addition. I'd give this book 5 stars for the beauty of it, but just 3 stars for the "recipe" part.

The work of the author is amazing! I hadn't thought about making living plants into arrangements. The author explains everything. Really. After reading this, I understand how to create some of these arrangements. The trick is finding some of the rarer plants.

A beautiful book. The instructions on creating living flower arrangements with commonly available plants are well photographed and easy to follow. I can't wait to give living flower arrangements a try.

Gorgeous ideas. I bring this book to my Master Gardener lectures for inspiration and what to grow next so there's more excitement for tablescape and entertaining. I'm thinking of starting at the beginning and make each one during the year like in the movie about Julia Child's cookbooks!

Nice photos, but most of the arrangements are not practical for everyday life. I did learn a few tips and always feel if I learned something from a book, it is worth the price.

Beautiful books and just what the giftee wanted. I looked through them, gorgeous photography, fine

attention to detail with the smaller font and tiny arrows identifying each item, effective use of white space, pleasing arrangement. Thank you.

I got this when i was going through my terrarium phase. I found it very inspiring and fun to look at. Its worth the money if you like to look at beautiful arrangements that are natural and different.

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