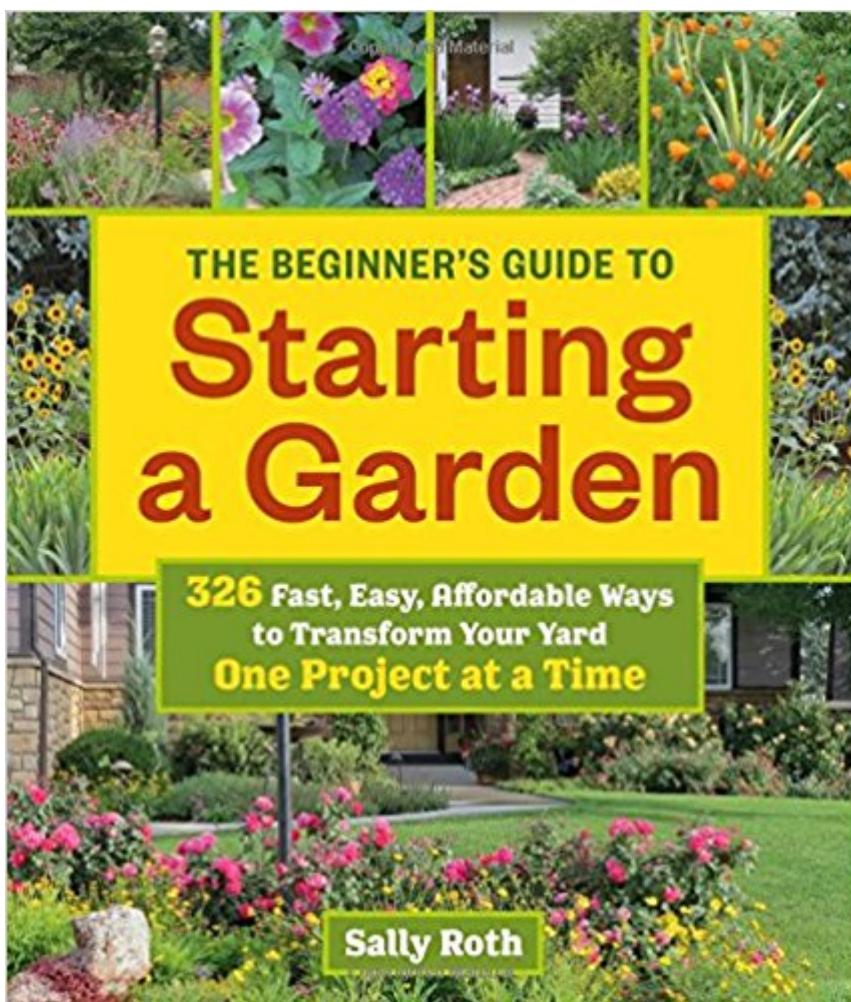


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# The Beginner's Guide To Starting A Garden: 326 Fast, Easy, Affordable Ways To Transform Your Yard One Project At A Time



## Synopsis

A fresh approach and simple way to transform your yard! The prospect of revamping a yard is daunting. Where do you start? How do all the various areas come together in a beautiful, cohesive way? The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden simplifies the process by showing you how to spend fewer hours (and a minimal amount of money) in the garden by tackling one small area at a time. You'll find garden plans for ten unique areas—the entryway, the shady areas under trees, and more—that can be linked together over time to create a unified yard, and plants that are dependable, easy to find, and look good year after year. You'll also learn the basics of good design, which plants offer the most bloom for your buck, and how to avoid the most common planting mistakes.

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## Customer Reviews

The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden divides the task into easily accomplished mini-projects. It shows you how to transform an outside space, bit by bit, whether it's sprucing up an entrance or increasing curb appeal. • "Michigan Gardener" If you've ever looked at your front yard with a sigh of dismay and thought to yourself, "I don't even know where to begin," this book's for you. • "Three Dogs in a Garden" Although the title says this book is for novices, the ideas presented could be for anyone. • "Country Gardens" The low-stress way to create beautiful spaces. Unsure how to get from the garden you have to a

garden you love? Award-winning author Sally Roth divides the task into easily accomplished mini-projects. This detailed guide shows you how to transform any outside space, bit by bit, whether it's sprucing up an entrance, increasing curb appeal, or any of twelve other improvements. Filled with helpful tips, shortcuts, and basic design plans, *The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden* proves that no matter your setting or skill level, you can grow a fabulous outdoor showplace—one manageable step at a time. Â

I love a colourful well planned garden, unfortunately these days it is mostly about paving and grass where I live. I guess people don't know how to make a garden. This book covers a lot of ground in a simple yet informative way. It does not baffle one with horticultural terms, but has plenty of photos, diagrams and tips. The information is written in a sequence looking at homes and how to design areas. I really like this book - I should have read this before I started buying and planting the wrong things in unsuitable places.

From the opening of *The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden* as Sally Roth describes gardening with her mother, to the indexed tucked in the back, this book oozes garden knowledge. I think these lines best set the tone (page 9), "Every year, her flower beds got bigger, and the lawn got smaller. Meanwhile, I absorbed the art of gardening, and the how-tos of transplanting, dividing, and otherwise making more of a good thing." As her mother patiently instructed Roth and fostered a love of gardening, so through this book the author shares the lifetime of gardening knowledge and experience she has amassed. *The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden* focuses on plant selection, garden design and presentation rather than technical items such as soil preparation or composting. The author shares design tips and recommends plant combinations along with help for challenging garden sites such as sidewalk strips, entrances, and property lines. Although the book's title may be directed toward those embarking on the pleasures of gardening for the first time, this work is for gardeners of all experience levels. Side bars offer a wealth of information, some intended to keep gardeners from making huge mistakes like planting pampas grass. Oh, if those in my neighborhood who loved their pampas grass thirty years ago but hate it now had only known! The text is ripe with stunning photos and Roth's husband, Matthew Bartmann, is credited with most of the photography work. (Nice job, sir!) Readers will find lists galore including the best perennials for big-flowers, perennials with long lasting flowers, flowering plants and ground covers for shade, and shrubs grow best from cuttings. The material spotlights flowers and shrubs rather than vegetables and herbs. If you are a new gardener preparing

to plant for the first time or if you are a seasoned plant lover embarking on a remake of an existing bed invest a few evenings with The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden, and let Sally Roth's guidance help you find success with your project.

I previewed this book at the public library. Decided I needed a copy for home. A great visual and easy to understand reference for any home gardener.

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