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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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R. C. says

Heck yeah edible perennials! This book is fun. Its tone is modern and chatty. Illustrations everywhere in color. Cuss words, recipes, common sense, why-didn't-I-think-of-that ideas, oh-THAT'S-why answers to questions you always wondered, and social justice. The sections are: herb spiral, rainwater harvesting, shroom encouraging, food forests (with a good section on a productive black walnut guild), weird and unusual fruits, hugelkultur, and outdoor cob pizza ovens. So, stuff I've seen elsewhere, but I like this guy's instruction on it all. I checked it out from the library but you may feel free to buy it for me for my birthday. And if you just want to dig in with half a dozen really good projects, not get a giant overview of everything at once, but not focusing in on one thing alone because you are ADHD and need to do five things in order to focus on any, then this is the book for you.

Carrie says

Interesting book with great tutorials and information about edible landscaping. I'm particularly interested in building the herb spiral and hope his step by step instructions lead me to have something as beautiful as he has in the book.

J. says

Great introduction to my study of permaculture. Lots of doable projects for a beginner. Great suggestions for plants without being overwhelming in number. Pictures were bright and beautiful. I quickly read the book from cover to cover in one day and was left with a feeling of excited anticipation to begin the foundations of our new permaculture garden.

There were detailed instructions for the projects I was already interested in (cob oven, hugulculture raised bed) and a new one I've now added to my project list (a spiral herb bed).

Barb Bennett says

Great simple intro to permaculture. Lots of photos and drawings--makes you want to get out in the garden. Simple ideas for small space that can be expanded. Checked this out from the library--am buying my own copy.

Anna says

This is a light read that covers many of the most common permaculture techniques in magazine-level detail. The copious photos and diagrams are what really bring the book to life.

Lawrence says

five stars!

Rachael says

This was the handiest permie book I've seen in awhile. Many of the more serious guides are whole design plans without the application of changing what you have little by little. This guide gets you started on some changes you can make - with practical how to's and enjoyable asides. This gets you into the philosophy of permaculture while fulfilling your desire to have spiral gardens, mushroom growing, and fancy cocktails right now.

Charlora says

Not all exclusive by any means, but full of rather intriguing ideas, with well explained plans for execution that are not too complex. Uncommon fruit trees, grafting, growing mushrooms, herb spirals that arrange herbs by sun preference, designing a garden to collect rain water or drain it away from house and allow for drier plants, etc

Mostadam Eco-Design says

I like it but the name is bigger than the content.

I bought this book seeking for a tool that will help me do my freelance work as an edible landscaper who use fully Permaculture principals. The book is nice with a touch of humor, clear illustrations and a step by step guide.

At the other hand the book is lacking several tools that is essential to this work. It doesn't give tools for brainstorming or creative imagination, checklists, pattern design and plant lists, but rather narrows the options, making all gardens have the same elements of Herb Spiral, Swales, Hugelkultur, Cub Ovens, mushroom growing logs or wood-chips and finally Rain gardens. The author targets the main solutions of problems for suburban houses.

It's a practical book for beginner's and home gardeners but not made really for professionals who need to give different gardens different touches and uniqueness. The book for that still Gaia's Garden and of course the PDM. I'm sure that the author is aware of this 2 books so he wanted to fill another void in the market of Permaculture books. An easy to grasp and implement Permaculture book for everybody to say oh let's get into Permaculture, it's easy and beautiful rather than hard and chaotic.

Andrea says

This book has some great ideas for applying permaculture to your edible yard without being overwhelming. If you want some ideas without being bogged down then this book does a great job of giving you some specific projects with complete instructions so that you can apply permaculture to your yard.

Mason Newark says

This guide is written simply so anyone could understand. I'd recommend it to anyone looking to make a homestead, become more sustainable, or just wants a new challenge in gardening.

Sandra Hutchison says

Good, practical book of permaculture projects. It's a lot less intimidating than many others I have read. Excellent balance of text and photography. I don't share the author's obvious enthusiasm for creative alcoholic drinks, but those recipes are a minor part of the book. This spring I would definitely like to try growing some mushrooms and putting a dying tree to work in a hugelkultur bed or two.

Anne Scharfenberg says

This has been my favorite gardening book for someone who wants to convert their yard to an edible landscape. The instructions are simple, empowering, and gardening methods are explained with knowledge and humor.

Alec LePoidevin says

An awesome guide to achievable projects that add beauty and purpose to your yard. Written for beginners and experts alike, this book will inspire you to get out in the yard and start taking advantage of the amazing world of permaculture and edible plants!

Constance says

good study toward my yard project!
