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28 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring, but...By Jon Oskar Magnusson Perhaps I just misunderstood. But this book just wasn't what I thought it was. I was really excited when I ordered this book. I just couldn't wait to get my hands on it. I wanted to see how things were done, what materials I'd have to buy (and hopefully where I could find them) and generally find out how to make this magic happen...But no such luck. I actually don't quite understand this book - and it really doesn't contain any text to misunderstand. It does contain a lot of nice pictures (and I mean a lot), even though some of the ideas displayed should perhaps rather have been made of

plastic and varnish, glue and gypsum for people out of this world (really, some of the things displayed are really really ugly!). Some of the ideas don't have anything to do with anything real. These are glossy patios suitable for I don't know whom. But perhaps that really doesn't matter - at least if the book is just intended to be a good idea bank for different groups of people. But I found no warning signs on .I don't like to slaughter things, but then again I never review things as I'm doing now without having a very strong point in either direction, i.e. positive or negative... Sadly, this book had a negative impact on me, period! You make the math: The book has no functionality (other than ideas) for the DIY person. The book is in fact just a big "Ikea brochure" - a lot of pictures, but little or no text. Which brings me to the last point: The little text that actually is to be found is often wrong (typical copy-and-paste (or find-and-replace) Word failures) like "Courtesy of Courtesy of Action Concrete Services". For any serious publisher, one failure as this one should have been enough, but this particular blunder can be found evenly distributed over the entire book! Sorry, I just can't live with that, especially since the book is in fact nothing else than what Google would have given me with a few keystrokes. So: If you don't have Google, buy this book! That's my advice. Or, if you do have Google but want a glossy paper book with a lot of pictures in it, you might still want to buy it. Just don't expect any help with anything other than how to contact a contractor.

3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good Choice for Decorative Concrete Ideas
By Mirayda Aponte
This book is a good source of ideas for works in decorative concrete jobs. Each photo gives the technique used in that work so you can have a good idea on how to recreate it in yours job. I personally use it to show my customers all the possible outcomes of decorative concrete from rustic finishing to modern and chick floors for pool decks, driveways and patios. This is not a step by step photo demo book; this is only a final work photo album of the best decorative concrete installers in the nation.

Today's landscapers can offer consumers the rich look of stone, brickwork, and worn cobble paving all in decorative concrete. Prices are very competitive, and maintenance, safety, and durability are often vastly improved when traditional materials are duplicated in concrete. Beyond the traditional looks, today's technology is enabling craftsmen and artists to experiment and explore the ever-expanding uses for concrete. The variety of new permanent colors for concrete is infinite and the textures limited only by imagination.

This book takes you on a visual journey through ambitious as well as obvious applications for concrete in the home, from patios, driveways, and walkways, to elaborate outdoor kitchens and pool environments. More than 200 photographs highlight artistry in concrete and inspire craftsmen and do-it-yourselfers to create rich textures and colorful murals on porches, driveways, patios, and more.

A companion volume explores decorative applications for the home's interior.

About the Author
The concretenetwork.com is the United States leading source for information about concrete, from the leading manufacturers of concrete products to the professionals who install and innovate applications. Tina Skinner is a professional writer and editor specializing in design. She has written several books about concrete in the home for Schiffer Publishing.