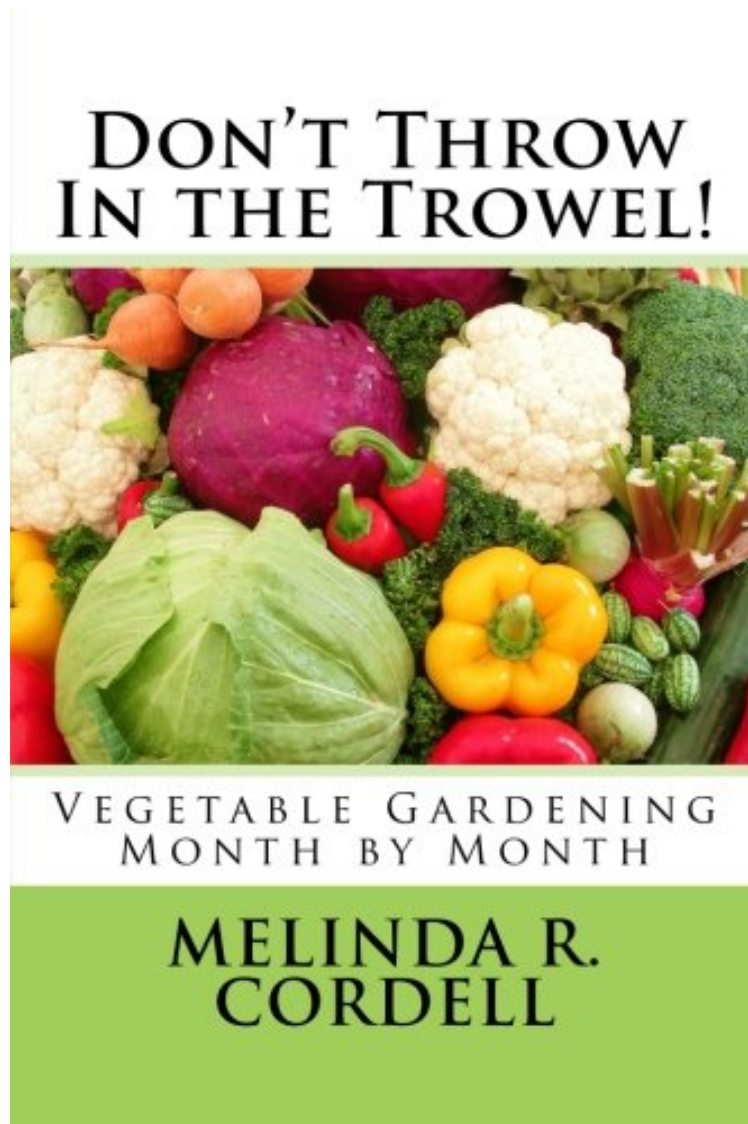


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. a most worthwhile book imoBy MajBLoved her style-almost felt like having her right here chatting with me or in a very small, friendly classroom-a quick easy read. I also liked her month by month approach-I am never thinking in Feb when it is cold wet that I really should be getting seeds started for setting out in spring that to do so, I'd better have gotten the stuff ready even sooner. I mean, I know you have to do it, but it just does not feel like the time for it as soon as it really needs to be done. She also covers square foot gardening, maintenance of equipment, etc. I have been making veggie gardens since I was a kid even swapped an engine out in my 4x4 truck myself years ago, so I am not a novice, but still found the book useful interesting. She also gives links to other useful resources, seed info sites, etc.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A simple and well laid out guide to vegetable gardening.By Ty from WalesWhat a delightful read this is! This lady certainly knows her onions! There is a wealth of practical knowledge to be had in this book. Not having kept a veggie garden for a number of years, It both reminded things I already knew and informed me of many things I didn't. It is an ideal guide for both new-comers to the gardening world, as well as established gardeners.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Green ThumbBy Jill BemisThis month-by-month gardening guide is full of tips, insects, to do lists, and vegetable plants that will help with gardening whether you are a novice or a master gardener. Author Cordell, covers seed germination, ratio of plants to area, insect and weeds, tool maintenance, soils and more. For maximum enjoyment, read this book on a cold snowy winter day, when you can take notes and plan for the arrival of spring.I received this book through a random InstraFreebie giveaway. Although encouraged as a courtesy to provide feedback, I was under no obligation to write a review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

At last, help for home food gardeners. The simple, month-by-month layout of Don't Throw in the Trowel will help gardeners grow a bounty of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. Grow luscious tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, melons, and more, and enjoy all the fresh produce (and give the surplus to family and friends) that your garden grows using these easy tips. Don't Throw in the Trowel: A Month-by-Month Vegetable Gardening Guide is a fun read for every locavore who wants to cart tomatoes out of the garden by the wagonful. Even if you've never been a farmer or a gardener before, this vegetable gardening book covers everything you need to know to get started. Here you can find specific information about starting seeds, transplanting,mulching, organic fertilizers, dealing with pest and disease problems,compost, and of course, information about different vegetables and helpful advice on how to grow them. You can also find information about square foot gardening, beneficial insects (and insect pests), easy ways to keep weeds down,and ways to extent the growing season into the winter months using cold frames and floating row covers. What's more, the methods used in this book are those to save time (and save your poor back and joints). Gardening can hurt sometimes - as the author can attest after having been felled by a bad back during her horticulturing days. This book is filled with ways to keep you from ending up the way she did. Many organic methods actually help make gardening easier. For instance, putting down a thick layer of mulch early in the year helps you keep weeds down, reduce watering, add organic matter to the soil, and keep the plants cool in the summer heat. Grow heirloom vegetables for a reliable, colorful crop - and you can keep using the seeds from these plants years after year. Most of all, this book also leads you on a month-by-month tour of the vegetable garden, so you can keep up with what needs to be done this month - and look ahead so you can be ready for next month. It's always good to grow your own vegetables, especially with concerns about how far grocery store produce is shipped, concerns about the environment, and concerns about the future. But there's also a new understanding of how good it is to get outside and work with plants, and how delicious those first sun-warmed tomatoes are, how good a newly-picked strawberry tastes, and how astonished your toddler is when she pulls up her first carrot. There's nothing on earth that can beat that. Review:"What a delightful read this is! This lady certainly knows her onions!There is a wealth of practical knowledge to be had in this book. Not having kept a veggie garden for a number of years, It both reminded things I already knew and informed me of many things I didn't. It is an ideal guide for both new-comers to the gardening world, as well as established gardeners."--Ty from Wales

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always work to be done around the garden. You've got to pull weeds and squashaphids and dump soapy water over the eggplant when it catches fleabeetles and try to keep up with all the strawberries. But I found that there are ways to make the work less backbreaking, and I outline them in the book. Also I included neat illustrations from old seed catalogs, just for fun. I enjoyed writing this book, and I hope you get a lot of good out of it and even learn something while having fun. From the Back Cover Vegetable gardening is an enterprise fraught with adventure and peril. Well, okay, that's only true when you pull up a weed and a cloud of bumblebees boils up from a nest underground. Otherwise, gardening is a pretty good way to spend your time, and you get tomatoes. Don't Throw In the Trowel!: Vegetable Gardening Month by Month guides the Midwest gardener, month by month, through the many gardening tasks that need to be done. This book helps you be more effective, plots out your month-by-month to-do list, and keeps you up to speed. Melinda R. Cordell has worked in horticulture half her life, including a stint as city horticulturist in St. Joseph, Missouri.