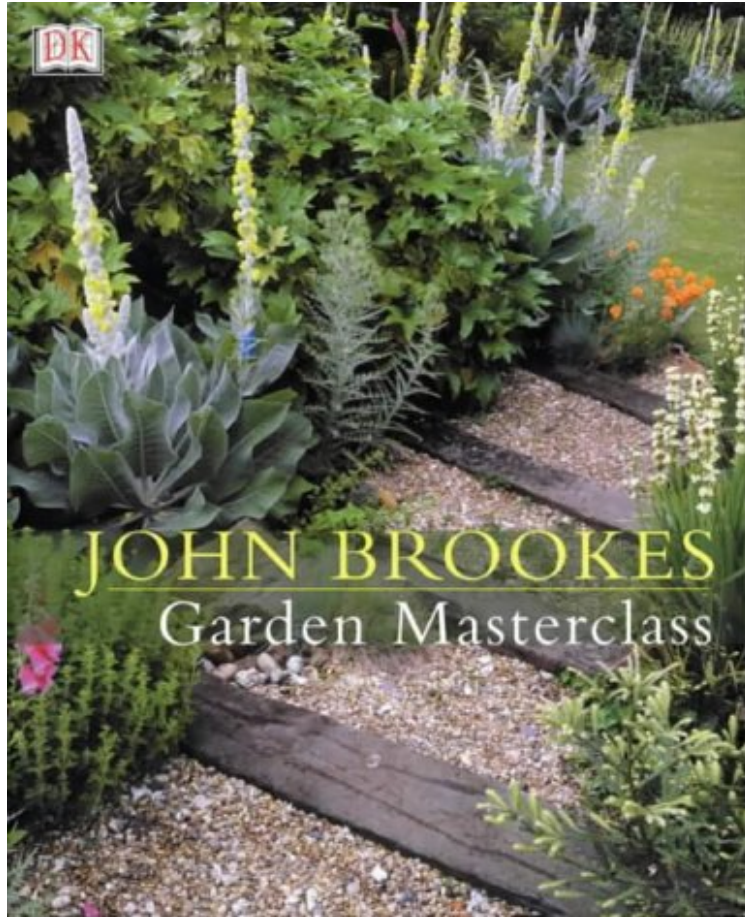


Garden Masterclass

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John Brookes : Garden Masterclass before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Garden Masterclass:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice book, bought mine used for cheapBy RocKin40Beautiful pictures and quality paper. Fast delivery. I don't know how much I'm actually "learning" from it though. It discusses shapes in the landscape, levels plus much more and shows a good variety of examples with images and descriptions. It is about understanding and creating the total garden design process and helps you think about how to create the mood or feel of your gardens. I'm a bit disappointed that most of the gardens are based on a grand scale. I have a small flat lot, just ordinary USA small city yard with a house stuck in the middle of it and I would have liked a bit more examples for my particular situation. If you are not familiar with European English it might be a bit of a struggle to understand everything that is written. I have reached about the half way point in reading the book and have skimmed over the rest of it. The plant section is toward the back of the book. Showing that a lot more thought needs to go into your grand plan if you want to achieve a spectacular garden, besides just sticking plants in the ground and knowing

how to care for them. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, but Not a primer for the novice
By Terry Barham
I have been a registered Landscape Architect for over 30 years and this is one of the most inspiring books I've found in years. The photography is stunning. The design motifs run from Old English Gardens, Arts and Crafts, Mid Century Modern and beyond. The planting designs and hardscape details are fresh and not run of the mill. Brooks does assume the reader knows the basic principles of design, has a working knowledge of hardscape construction, and a good knowledge of plant materials, hence the title. There are no beginner diagrams for laying a brick walk, no how to's on measuring and drawing your plat, and no exhaustive lists of plant materials. If you don't know what a contour line is start elsewhere. But for the professional or experienced d i y 'er this book can take your work to new levels. Also a great pictorial tool for showing clients hardscape details, and design styles.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing
By Ricardo B
It's a coffee table book in disguise. It's title suggests more of an instructional "class" about gardening and it doesn't reflect that at all. Nothing but nice pictures to look at, period. I was very disappointed. Add to that, you can't sample pages on the product page. I wonder why.

Each chapter of this work is devoted to single design elements, such as shape, surface, structure and water. Garden designs are illustrated with full colour photographs, annotated sketches and diagrams.

John Brookes' masterwork in which he inspires gardeners everywhere with his infectious creativity - giving us all the confidence to go out into the garden and be creative in our own space.
About the Author
John Brookes has often been described as the world's most influential garden designer, both because of the gardens he has created and his lecture tours world-wide, together with his teaching at his home and garden in southern England. John has written for many magazines and appeared on TV on many occasions.