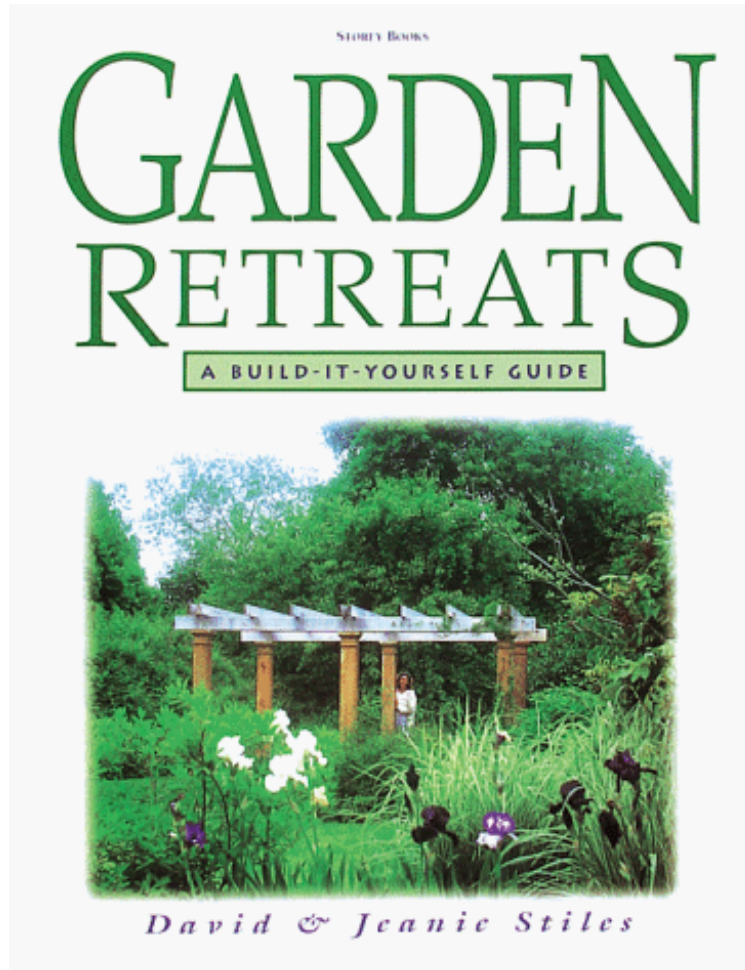


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12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Lovely daydream bookBy BaizanThis is one I'll keep going back to -- in fact some of these projects are really do-able! My only caveat is that the type face, although pretty, is difficult for old eyes to make out even with reading glasses. Fortunately the pictures are lovely enough to be worth the price, all by themselves.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Jennifer CharlesFantastic!5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Garden Retreats ReviewBy Katelyn ThomasWhen you make a garden, it doesn't matter what type of garden it is. You will still need structure to help tie it to the earth and sky. Whether you opt for a small arbor or a charming playhouse, this book has ideas and plans to help you fill your garden with structures. From practical plans for garden sheds to fun plans for gazebos, Garden Retreats by David and Jeanie Stiles has ideas for any gardener who enjoys working with wood.Section one of this book covers the basics of building garden structures and

fencing. This section covers topics such as planning, types of wood to use, and how to set corner markers. Section two covers garden seating. This section has clear, simple to follow directions for each piece, from a simple garden bench to a lovely pergola. Section three is called special places in the garden, and covers everything from arbors to arched gates. Finally, section four discusses garden shelters. I especially liked the garden shower, but there are also structures such as summerhouses and gazebos, as well. This book includes directions and plans for over twenty garden structures. The plans are clear and the directions are easy to follow. I have several of these projects on my list of things to do next year.

Inspiring step-by-step projects including a garden swing, rose arbor, gazebo, and potting shed.

From Booklist The Stileses, authors of 13 how-to woodworking books, give instructions on building 22 garden structures. Their book is written for woodworkers with an interest in gardening and for gardeners who have some carpentry skills. Each project includes a list of materials, detailed shop drawings, and an illustration of the finished structure. A section on fundamentals covers such subjects as planning, types of wood, tools and supplies, and the construction and installation of basic posts and gates. The projects include a covered seat, a table, a bench, a pergola, a deck with a bench and umbrella, swing, rose arbor, kiosk, and a cedar gazebo. Some of the structures are not so easy to build; the garden houses, for example, appear to be quite difficult. But for the gardener-carpenter with the know-how, the book will be invaluable. George Cohen "'Garden Retreats' by David and Jeanie Stiles shows detailed plans on how to build your own garden structures, such as garden seating, an arbor, a pergola and various types of small buildings." -- Sunday Patriot News, Harrisburg, PA, 12/12/99 From the Back Cover Enjoy the natural beauty of the outdoors from your own garden retreat. Garden retreats, from simple benches to elegant gazebos, are perfect for entertaining, meditating, or just enjoying the sights and sounds of your own backyard. And with step-by-step, illustrated instructions from experienced designers and builders David and Jeanie Stiles, you can build your own garden project quickly and successfully. This complete workbook contains 22 unique, easy-to-build garden structures, including: -- Rose Arbor -- Pergola -- Shade Pavilion -- Rustic Cedar Gazebo -- Classic Garden Shed -- Child's Garden Retreat -- Garden Shower -- Garden Table and Bench -- Covered Doorway -- Hexagonal Garden House -- Deck with Bench and Swing -- Fanciful Garden Kiosk