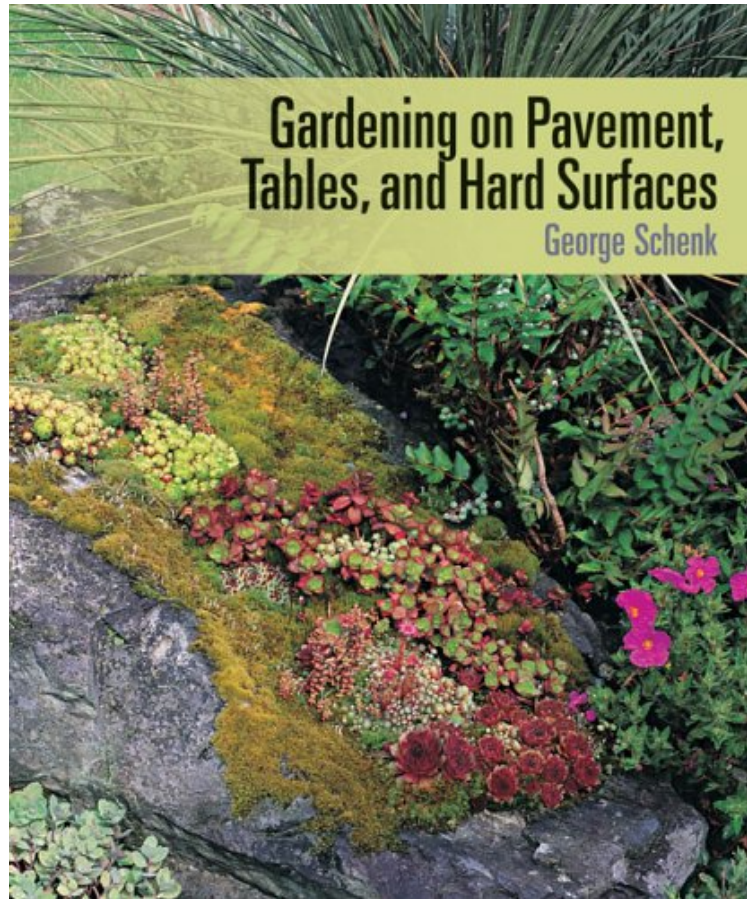


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George Schenk : Gardening on Pavement, Tables, and Hard Surfaces before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening on Pavement, Tables, and Hard Surfaces:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ideas GaloreBy GhettoBumpkinPictures and text are well balanced together. The clever writing and imaginative ideas are thought provoking. It will open you up to a whole different way of looking at space and how it could be used for plants. Walls, driveways, tea tables, flat rock, tiles, tea-cups, troughs, roofs, parking lots....your imagination is the only limit.- Use of different plants is discussed. Bonsai, mosses, alpines, conventional flowers, succulents, perennials, trees, shrubs, cactus and more.- Filling cracks and crevices, building up soil and how to prevent erosion on flat surfaces, different sub-strata, composition, color, scale, incorporating this style of gardening in with traditional landscapes.- How to handle garden purists that freak out when you plant a tree on top of a wall....- Care and management.Pictures show examples of all types of alternative compositions and gardening surfaces. It mostly focuses on ideas that you can institute in your home landscape. Though there are some examples of large scale installations of roof gardens and wall gardens, in parks and buildings, it is not the focus of this book. This book is a welcome and permanent member of my family.11 of 11 people found the following review helpful.

Gardening on Pavement, Tables, and Hard Surfaces By Horsefeathers Inspirational and unusual book showing ways to maximize the beauty of areas that might otherwise remain a blight on the landscape. Covering pavement, enhancing stumps, and dressing up rocks are all possible with the guidance of this clever gardener whose writing is also excellent. I've purchased extras to give as gifts and gave one to my landscaper who has tirelessly and artfully moved rocks all over my new North Carolina landscape to great effect! You will love this book if you love to do unusual things in your garden! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Gardening for anyone By Chloe I stumbled on this book looking for the one on Moss Gardens and stumbled into an Oz like world of new gardening possibilities. I now work with seniors who cannot do the bending and lifting of regular gardening and feel isolated from life. Being able to push a wheelchair under a concrete top table to garden like Schenk suggests returns to them the pleasure of green dirt and life. Bravo!

Gardening on Pavement, Tables, and Hard Surfaces is the first book to describe how to grow garden plants directly on hard surfaces such as pavement, rocks, tables, and other impermeable platforms. Plants have known all along that they can grow on these media, and George Schenk translates this small miracle into practical language for gardeners. With just a few inches of soil, gardens can be created almost anywhere. Tabletops can serve as the foundation for small rock gardens; ground covers can grow vigorously on concrete; even bonsai can thrive directly on decorative stone. Using extensive photos, plant lists, and step-by-step instructions, the author shows how every gardener can adopt this charming, vibrant, and beautiful style of planting.

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