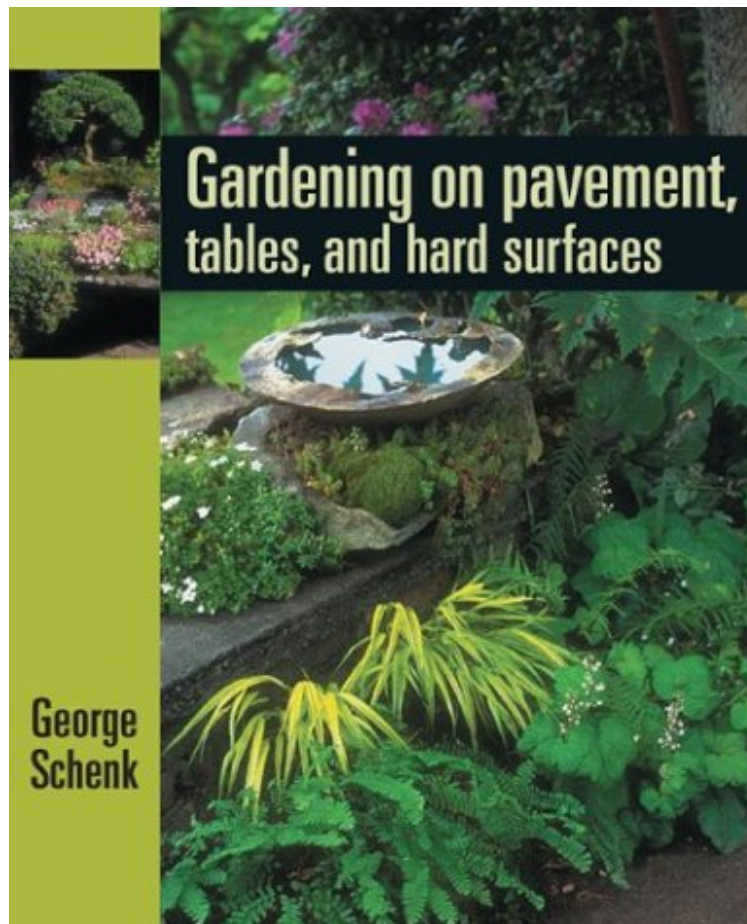


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new world of possibilities.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was disappointed, could not get it at the library and ...By KI was disappointed, could not get it at the library and when I got it, there were not that many if any, ideas I could use for my barnyard concrete.

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.

From *Booklist* Schenk, the author of *Moss Gardening* (1997) and *The Complete Shade Gardener* (2002), tells how to grow plants on pavement, rocks, railings, tables, stumps and logs, and stepping stones with just a few inches of soil, framing the resulting raised bed with material solid enough to hold it in place. This also can be achieved by planting low ground covers in the seams of soil between paving blocks of a terrace or patio, by planting low-growing plants along a walkway of paving stones, and by planting grass or ground covers in the open grids of preformed concrete gridwork. Schenk gives instructions on the shape of the beds and on the right kinds and depth of soil. He also provides advice on watering, weeding, pruning, dead-heading, and fertilizing, and lists hundreds of the best plants to use, providing data on their size and growth rate. Complementing the informative text are 109 color photographs. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Schenk speaks directly and enthusiastically to the reader with the familiarity of an old gardening friend. Once you've discovered his approach, you may never look at gardening the same way again. -- Lynette Walther "Camden Herald" (06/15/2006) About the Author A former nurseryman and landscaper, George Schenk retired from business to pursue his related passions of designing and planting gardens and writing about them. He splits his time between gardens and residences in Seattle, North Vancouver, Auckland, and Manila. He is a specialist in the sculpture of the tribes of the Philippine Cordillera and is active in the effort to preserve their cultural heritage. Schenk is the author of several magazine articles and books. His book *Moss Gardening* won the Book Award of the American Horticultural Society; his *The Complete Shade Gardener* has been recognized by the society as one of America's seventy-five "Great American Garden Books."