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The Art And Craft Of Stonescaping: Setting & Stacking Stone



Synopsis

This handsome book explores dry-stacked stonework, the perfect craft for any homeowner with a yard or garden. With a few basic tools, a pile of stone, and this book, anyone can create stone walls, benches, paths and patios, culverts, steps, and more. How-to color photos and fine illustrations depict every critical step, and a wealth of color photography offers plenty of inspiration.

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Customer Reviews

"Every detail is addressed, and... is put in simple, understandable terms." - Southern Living" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you a novice at working with stone like I am yet desire stone walls, paths and waterfalls in your garden, then this book is for you. Reed writes in a simple, straightforward style that is easy to follow and the accompanying photos are excellent. He shows how to construct a beautiful dry stacked retaining wall and I never imagined that it is so easy. I also found the chapter on building a waterfall very helpful and I hope to do this soon. Also covered are chapters on making paths, courtyards, steps, terraces, benches, etc. It is an excellent book, well worth the money and one that I have referred to countless times.

David Reed covers the gamut of stonework techniques from selection to design to implementation in

this book. His treatment of the subject is straightforward and easy to understand, while at the same time working in the history, emotional appeal and crafter's zeal I associate with stonework.

Thankfully absent from this text is the typical extensive coverage of concrete and other 'wet' media: Reed and his contributing authors work mainly with dry-stacked stone, preferring a more natural look. One failing I saw was a concentrated discussion of stone types native only to his area; wider coverage of various types of stone and perhaps a pictorial glossary, would have been appropriate and worth-increasing. In total, nonetheless, a well-written, well-organized motivated treatment of what the author clearly loves.

A general how to, with no earth-shattering secrets revealed. The challenge for any reader will be getting past his i-me-my mentality, truly an epically boring style of writing and one has to wonder why publishers even put up with this. There are better education tools out there, such as Gordon Hayward's absolutely wonderful and informative and educational book. Then, of course, there is Dan Snow. Your time and money would be better spent on either of those superb products. Enough said, almost. This one here is not so much a what he knew as it is probably who he knew, just to get it published.

Good information for someone just interested in a surface-level knowledge of this traditional skill. Someone who read this book carefully could probably build their own simple walls, but they would likely find the process still very challenging with lots and lots of hands-on learning in the process. Which, to be fair, would likely be the case with most creative skill sets.

Love this book! Would recommend this to anyone interested in DIY projects! It is a great resource.

This is my second copy of this book. Gave to first one to friends who needed it. And I wanted my own copy again. Shipped in good condition and as timely as the post office allows. :-)

A good investment, though, it should not be your only source of construction information.

This book was very helpful. We have a large quantity of stones on our property and wanted to use them to build some retaining walls and patio. This book has a lot of good information on how to use stone, build walls and many other ideas of how to use stone.

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