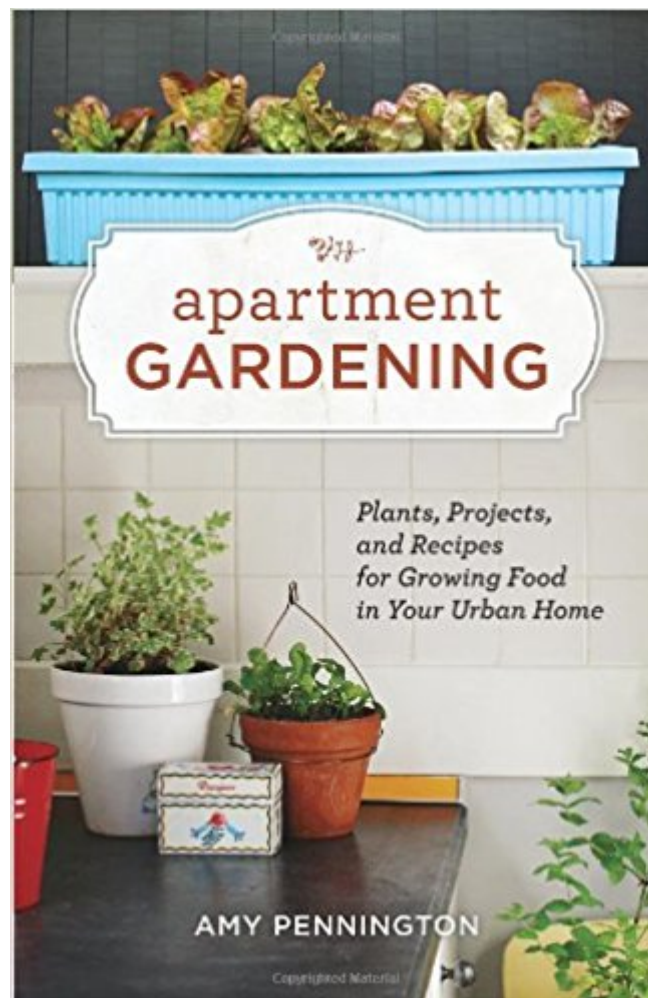




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# Apartment Gardening: Plants, Projects, And Recipes For Growing Food In Your Urban Home



## Synopsis

Forget the 100-mile eat-local diet; try the 300-square-foot-diet &#8212; grow squash on the windowsill, flowers in the planter box, or corn in a parking strip. Apartment Gardening details how to start a garden in the heart of the city. From building a window box to planting seeds in jars on the counter, every space is plantable, and this book reveals that the DIY future is now by providing hands-on, accessible advice. Amy Pennington's friendly voice paired with Kate Bingham-Burt's crafty illustrations make greener living an accessible reality, even if readers have only a few hundred square feet and two windowsills. Save money by planting the same things available at the grocery store, and create an eccentric garden right in the heart of any living space.

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"A favorite cookbook author, Amy Pennington has written an incredibly handy manual full of information on how to grow plants in [small spaces](#). The book is full of wonderful tips, recipes and information on all the best things to grow in your home." [GOOP](#) "So you think you can't garden because you live in a small apartment? Nonsense. The author has ideas for gathering supplies, growing herbs, edible blossoms, home pickling, planting, growing lettuce, seed starting and tons of recipes [all of which can be achieved in the smallest of flats](#). She even has a chapter devoted to making your own organic beauty products." [Kinfolk](#) "Amy Pennington, author of [Apartment Gardening](#), is our windowsill guru. This spring, we're sowing what she's sowing. (Named one of [Bon Appétit's 2012 Tastemakers](#): "the visionaries who are

making our lives so delicious." [Bon Appétit](#) "In the book 'Apartment Gardening: Plants, Projects and Recipes for Growing Food in Your Urban Home' (Sasquatch Books, 2011, \$18.95), Amy Pennington offers useful information for those who live in apartments, have a small parcel of land, or a deck large enough to accommodate big pots and window-box planters." [The Washington Post](#) "In both her latest book, 'Apartment Gardening,' and 'City Dirt,' the biweekly column she recently started writing for the website Food52, Ms. Pennington shares her know-how with metropolitan types everywhere. She applies the same principles of wasting nothing and maximizing space to home cooking. Visit her streamlined one-bedroom apartment, and you'll see her template for sustainable living and perfectly stocked cupboards." [The Wall Street Journal](#) "The ever-resourceful Pennington chronicles her food-centric take on city living in 'Apartment Gardening: Plants, Projects, and Recipes for Growing Food in Your Urban Home'... As adept as Pennington is at figuring out how to grow the most food in the smallest space in the shortest amount of time, she's equally skilled at suggesting what to do with it. She details not only how to plant directly into a sack of soil and build your own deck-sized worm bin but also how to blend thyme lip balm and whip up a killer chocolate lavender tart. The book's tone is chatty and encouraging..." [The Seattle Times](#) "Amy's straightforward conversational style makes both books ['Apartment Gardening' and her first book, Urban Pantry] seem as if you're getting great advice from a smart, savvy friend." [Al Dente](#) "This book arrived on my desk a few months ago, and it's been a real joy to read and reference. It's full of great tips, recipes, and DIY guides, like how to build your own planter box, grow lettuce in recycled containers, keep bees on your patio, and infuse spirits with herbs grown right in your kitchen. Cute illustrations, too!" [Apartment Therapy Re-Nest, Daily Find](#) "One of the 11 Sexiest Food Peeps of '11" [Seattleite](#) "Apartment Gardening" is a great book for new gardeners living in the urban jungle or for experienced gardeners who find themselves with limited garden space and the desire (or need!) to grow a garden, [New York Botanical Gardens Blog](#)

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I am a novice just starting out with my window garden. So I have been looking around for a good reference guide on container gardening. I live in an apartment in the northeast. Although I think the

author attempted to cover all bases this book was geared towards the terrace/patio in the pacific northwest. The Hip Girl's Guide to Homemaking Decorating, Dining and the Gratifying Pleasures of self-Sufficiency--on a Budget!by Kate Payne,she had a very helpful chapter on apartment gardening in the northeast.So here are the cons:Illustrations of the more complicated ideas would have been helpful. e.g., worming migration in the bin. Almost half the book was recipes. Needed more gardening. Concentrated on Terrace and Patio gardening not specifically apartment gardening. Geared towards the northwest. Author's wording didn't seem to corresponding to current gardening vernacular, i.e. full sun versus shade which I believe she meant direct light vs. indirect, no mention of zones, etc. I think it is a mistake to leave out some of the more common herbs, e.g., Rosemary: mentioned as a perennial but then nothing about growing it. Same with basil and sage. Even a note saying the following herbs cab be treated the same way would have been helpful, e.g. Sage and basil can be treated the same as lemon verbena as far as watering, etc.( this is not true just a fictitious example)PROS:I thought the recipes were very helpful. It was a great idea to demonstrate the produce in actual recipes.A good introduction to worming.( enough to know that it will probably be too overwhelming for me to attempt)Some very handy tips on fertilizer, composting, a pretty detailed plan for getting started(although this could not have been detailed enough for me), sustaining your garden, etc. She helped bridge some important gaps from outside and inside gardening that other books have glossed over.All in all a lot of helpful information geared to producing. But, as I said I needed apartment gardening so 3 stars for a very good perspective of pertinent side subject; terrace gardening.

Sent to my granddaughter who is away at college. Living in an apartment, she missed growing herbs and flowers but this book gave her some creative ideas. Love it.

I love this book! It has so many helpful tips for starting a garden in a small space. The information is clearly laid out for you without insulting your intelligence, as some beginner guides do. I did some gardening earlier this summer with the tips from this book and everything I planted turned out rather well! I would definitely recommend it if you are wanting to start container gardening.

Overall, a letdown. The cover photo is misleading -- that's the only photo you'll find. Also, a lot of recipes, but I didn't buy a cookbook. Very dry -- a few hand drawn type illustrations, but even those just restate what's in the text -- they don't add much. It's written at a very low level, and there are soooo many better beginner books out there. The list price on the back is \$18.95. For \$18.95, there

are plenty of books on the same/similar subject that have beautiful photos, including color, that really add to the content, and have a broader application with more info. For example, this author has a project of spray painted containers, but without illustration. Really? Do you really just want to read about a spray painting project? Clearly, the author does have some experience/expertise with gardening, however, this book comes across as more of her own personal mind-dump/recount of her own experiences, rather than a well thought out text geared to provide useful information to a general audience. I own a bunch of gardening books, but the majority of those are ones I checked out from the library, and after seeing them, were just worth paying the money to own. This is not one of them -- my library didn't have it. There are some useful tidbits of info in the book, but I wouldn't pay money for the book had I known what I was getting. I'll be selling it on for \$2 plus \$3.99 shipping (what I paid for it) if you're interested . . . or perhaps be donating it to the library . . . To be blunt -- the good reviews -- and by those, I mean particularly those that mention the author by first and last name -- smack of publisher/family/friends . . . not that it's a bad book I just wouldn't pay money for it.

Basic Information to start with the gardening. Some useful tips and experiences. If you have some knowledge about gardening, this book is not for you. If you want to star and you don't know nothing, this book is great.

Great book came as ordered!

Great tips on what to plant and when. I wish there was some sort of chart or schedule to help me organize what and when to plant, but I could probably make my own based on the info in the book.

I enjoyed selecting this product. It served my purpose and my immediate needs, it was informative and a perfect gift (to myself or others.).

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