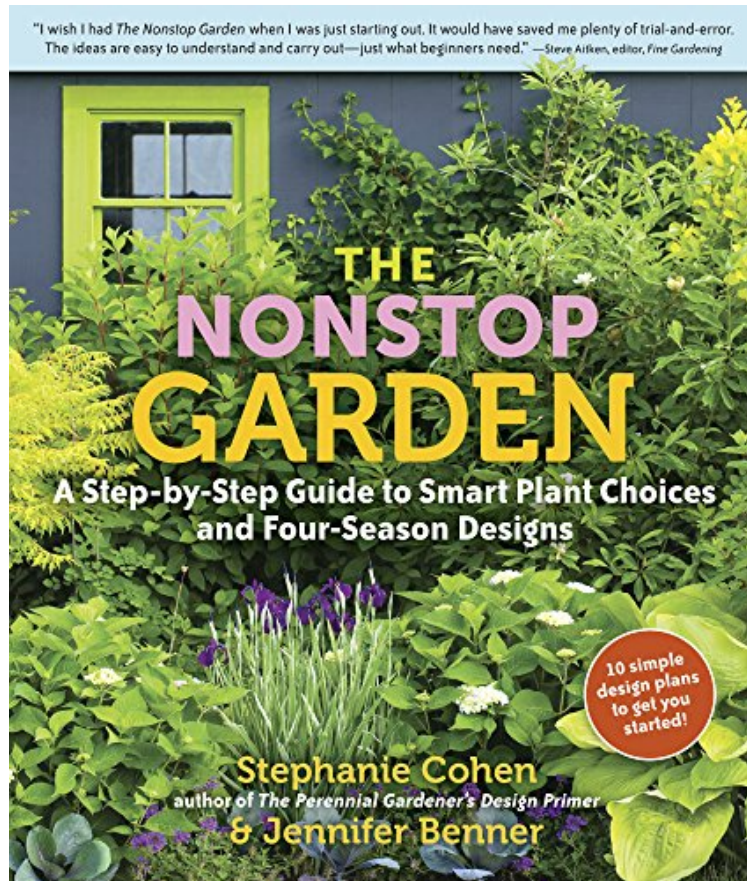


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice,,,,,nice and simple, ..., simple yet stylish By Cultured PurI read the reviews claiming this is a very basic book on gardening, and yes,,,,,yes it is There are only SO many really intricate gardening plans that once could execute before it gives you and the nursery you work with a major headache I HAVE grown perennials for 25 yrs, I HAVE gone complicated and gotten frustrated and tossed out plants, (and normally those that came with a price tag that was on the high side) One thing I learned in all my years of gardening on 3 country acres,,,,,is KEEP IT SIMPLE(fill in the blank here) I have 4 heavy shade gardens that no longer have a single flower in them because 10 yrs ago I decided I liked the looks of the foliage better than the flowers and I think I did that before it became vogue to do just that. It was practical and it pleased my senses. These gardens are simple, they

work,,,,,they are filled w/ many hostas, climbing hydrangeas, ferns and other shade loving annuals (coleus, and yearly bulbs) so they work for me , All survived a huge drought we had last summer, and are looking pretty darn good w, the heavy snow and spring rains this yearI have succulent gardens in my birdbath and outside sitting in flat pots on the deck, and have mixed lots of herbs in my perennial border (just bc its easy to snip for dinner!) and gosh,,it smells SO good when passing it! I garden for all sense not just to look, but to smell good too!This year I dug up the entire front garden, had the wall re done and am doing almost ALL annuals for a full summer riot of color and its FUN!I added cannas, orange trumpet ,dahlias and a few other things bc this is really hot hot sun (my home faces south west)Its fantastic the sea of color I created in a 5 ft wide by 25 ft long areaI like this book bc it shows anyone how easy it is to figure out things for a successful garden (gardens in my case)Who says simple is cannot be stunning?? Add the angel trumpets and the elephant ears and the garden speaks volumes to me,So I want to say that this indeed is a simplistic way of looking at doing a garden the proportions are good, the ideas are very good, the plans alone are worth the price of the bookI just wish I had a book like this 25 yrs ago so I could have saved myself so many many expensive mistakes,,,,,but then again, a garden does teach you patienceLove the book would give this to any new homeowner or anyone attempting to design a wonderful garden for the first,,,,or the fifth time~11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your moneyBy GreenMittenThis book will be of no help to anyone but the beginner gardener, in my mind. I was really looking forward to detailed and specific advice about how to plan a garden that provides year-round interest but this piece of fluff doesn't even come close to being helpful. Their advice can be summed up in two words: variety and diversity. Plant a variety (trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, bulbs, etc.) of different types and then put 3/5/7 of them in clumps according to height. What a joke - if you have done any gardening, you know that already. And by the way, you can find better garden plans online at BHG's site for free. The rest of the book (75%) contains plant suggestions and sometimes offers companion plant suggestions - nice, but not what you are led to believe you are getting. I live very remotely and have to order books online and it is moments like this that I wish I could have just flipped through it in the store. I am beyond irritated that I wasted money on this book.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Do Not Waste Your Money On THE NONSTOP GARDENERBy Aristotle DipteronDespite the very respectable backgrounds of the authors, THE NONSTOP GARDENER was even less than basic because it was so information-poor. There are many illustrations, but the illustrations are not that helpful. To me, it seems that the authors hastily threw together a book just to make a fast buck.

With hectic lifestyles and busy schedules, people are finding it more and more appealing to enjoy their leisure time at home rather than packing their bags in search of peaceful retreats. But how can they confidently create a garden retreat? By following Cohen and Benner's trusted advice and building a nonstop garden, they'll have more creative planting options, a garden that requires less maintenance than a traditional perennial border. The Nonstop Garden gives gardeners all the information they need to create a productive, beautiful garden. This easy-to-use guide is split into four main parts and includes ten fail-safe design plans that can be incorporated into any garden. Gardeners can choose from a native garden, a scented garden, a gold-colored garden, a garden for wet sites, a vibrant-colored garden, a cool-colored garden, a winter garden, a shade garden, and a design plan for the daunting area known as the hellstrip.

From BooklistCohen, an award-winning horticulturist and author, and Benner, a horticulture consultant, photographer, and writer, offer a straightforward and inspiring approach to creating a nonstop garden. A garden with something to offer year-round, utilizing trees and shrubs as the backbone for plantings composed of perennials and bulbs, annuals and tropicals, edibles and vines. Those new to gardening will benefit from the book's recipe for success, which is detailed in useful charts, descriptions and abundant photographs of woody and herbaceous selections, and 10 design plans. Each planting scheme, ranging from color-based to scented, befits a certain type of site condition, from woodland to wetland to a parking strip. Novices will find useful advice on invasives to avoid, plant care, and culture. A final section should stir ideas for enlivening the garden with ornaments and containers, structures that serve as design elements, and seasonal displays. A glossary, resource listing, and information about plant hardiness, bloom time, or special characteristics such as fall color and seedheads add to this volume's practical value and aesthetic pleasure. --Alice Joyce Any book of gardening advice written by people more accustomed to working with soil instead of ink is worth a look. . . . Add in a bunch of handy planting plans and some smart maintenance advice, and you've got everything you need to create a four-season garden. Fine GardeningThis book will stir a desire to plan for year-round interest and hold your hand while you endeavor to achieve it. Newsday Garden design can be intimidating, but this book is a great place to start. Garden Gate That's smart gardening. Digging A compact guide to seasonal plant groupings, Cohen and Benner's handbook suggests innovative changes to the humdrum yard. American Reference Books AnnualClear writing and instructive photos aimed at beginning gardeners and those baffled by seasonal plant choices and arrangements. The Seattle TimesA born teacher, [Cohen] has put her considerable knowledge to work in this book for gardeners of many levels in many situations. Oregonian Belongs in every library. Northwest Indiana Times One of the leading authorities on overall gardening techniques and strategies. Buffalo SpreeThe photos are gorgeous and creative, the designs are well-thought-out and easy to envision and understand, and Stephanie's

humorous, no-nonsense approach will make you feel like a more experienced gardener has taken you by the hand and joined you in creating the garden youve always dreamed of. North Coast GardeningIf youre shooting for a landscape thats colorful, that changes with the seasons and thats reasonably low maintenance, heres your guide. People Places Plant