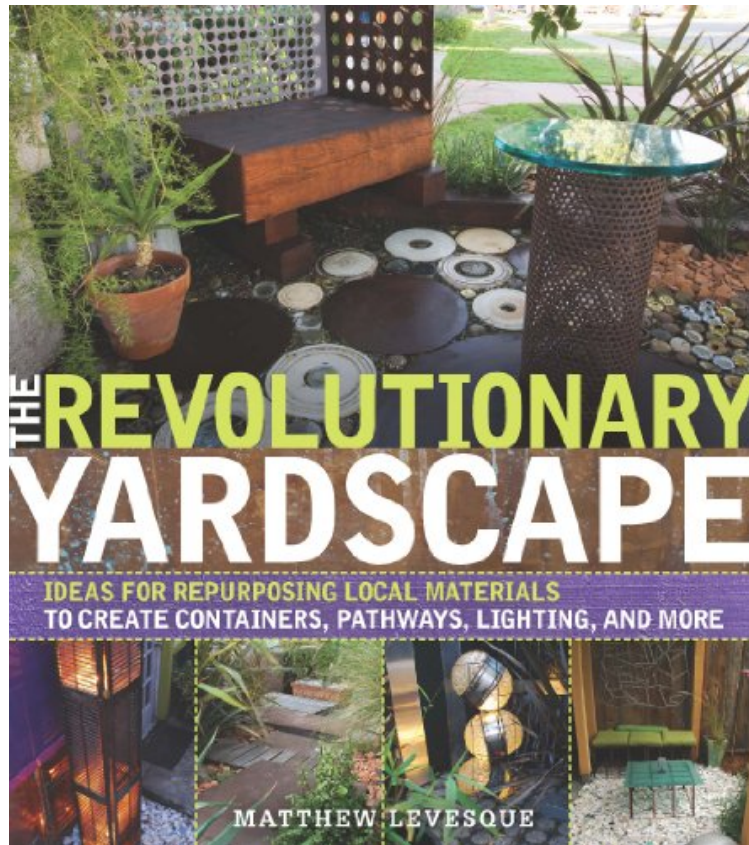


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**Matthew Levesque : The Revolutionary Yardscape: Ideas for Repurposing Local Materials** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Revolutionary Yardscape: Ideas for Repurposing Local Materials:

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Best yardscaping book ever!By DKSThe Revolutionary Yardscape is truly a jewel in the DIY genre. I've been wanting to redo my backyard for years and after countless books on the subject this is the only one that has really hit the spot for me. Levesque offers ideas, lists of materials and advice on many outdoor projects that are easy to create with salvaged materials (this means that most of the materials required for the projects are very inexpensive to get if you do not have them already). He gives the reader step by step instructions for reusing every day items and a much lower budget than most of the DIYs out there to create incredible sculptures, completely unique waterfalls (they key chain waterfall, for example, is definitely one of my favorites) and artful lighting for a stunning backyard (or front yard) landscape. If you only buy one DIY or yardscaping book to recreate your outdoor spaces with, this is the only book you need. Well worth the money!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Smallish RevolutionBy ZepherineHe has some novel approaches and I like his can-do

attitude, but there's really nothing here that you can't find on Pinterest, with more variety. The yardscape he details is his own, so there's a great consistency of style, approach, and ethos. If you're sympatico, that's great. If you aren't, you're pretty much left saying, "Huh. Wouldn't have thought to put black plastic pallet straps as a fringe on the bottom of a fence." My favorite part of this book was the section on gabion walls and fencing. One thing this book really does well is to grant permission. If you've wanted to do something out of the ordinary but been afraid to try it, Levesque might convince you that it's okay. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. OK. By SC Garden Gnome It's fine but not revolutionary. I was underwhelmed.

Budget-friendly, environmentally sound, and one-of-a-kind, discovering new uses for what you already have or what you discover in the salvage yard is truly living local. It reduces a garden's environmental impact, saves money, and most importantly is fun and creative. From making pathways out of scrap wood and metal to creating garden lights from discarded indoor fixtures, *The Revolutionary Yardscape* features dozens of garden design projects and inspirational ideas for taking advantage of salvaged materials found in the home, junkyard, or thrift store. A master of using reclaimed items, expert Matthew Levesque covers the basics of hardscaping, garden construction, and outdoor decor using local materials. He includes essential techniques and step-by-step guidance for transforming unconventional salvaged materials into pathways, decking, fences, screens, containers, seating, and more. *The Revolutionary Yardscape* also shows readers how to see the beauty and possibility in salvaged materials. Levesque gives tips on how to think outside the garden box from imagining a pile of old keys becoming a rain chain to seeing the infinite possibilities in scrap metal and piping. This new set of skills embraces the idea of finding an object first and letting the design plan follow. Vividly illustrated with photographs of exciting contemporary projects, *The Revolutionary Yardscape* will make gardeners think outside the box by designing with unexpected materials.

A provocative book that will thrill anyone whose ideal venue for window-shopping is the transfer station (a.k.a. the dump). *The New York Times* This fantastic book full of innovative ideas will overturn readers' preconceived notions about salvaged materials and their potential. *Library Journal* Full of creative and imaginative ideas for recycling local materials into containers, pathways, seating and other hardscape features for your yard and garden. *Newsday* An apostle of recycling. *Chicago Tribune* Levesque incorporates the unlikely into creative solutions for the garden and patio. *SciTech Book News* Using recycled materials in the garden is hardly new, but few do it with Matthew Levesque's flair. *Akron Beacon Journal* Full of innovative ways to both repurpose materials and add a fresh new look to your garden. *Sunset* Aims to demystify the process and provide inspiration. . . . Filled with photos and how-to instructions. *San Francisco Chronicle* This guy can turn anything into garden decor. The best part? Hell show you how to do it, too. *Oregonian* You'll never look at junk the same way again. Talk about green gardening! *GardenofPossibilities.com* Levesque takes the idea of reuse to strange and wonderful places in the garden. *Commonweeder* Levesque helps you find ways to repurpose material intelligently and creatively. *Buffalo Spree*