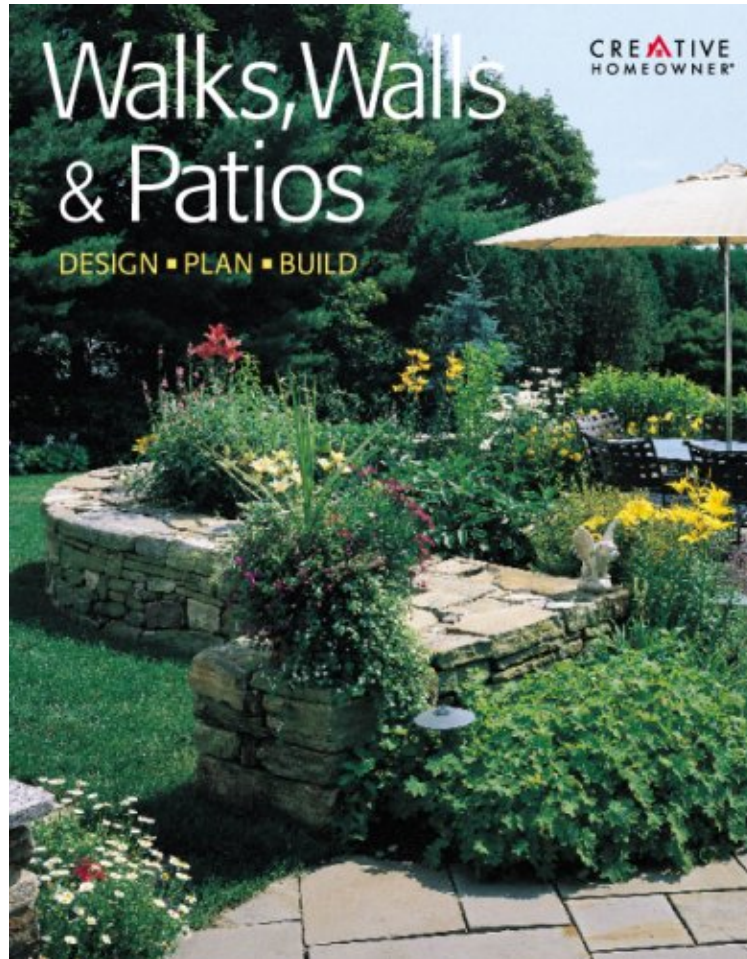


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basic installations, and even the information given for the basic installations was far too generic. For instance, illustration after illustration calls out "gravel." Gravel comes in grades, so it's important to know what type to use for different purposes. Not only that, but depending upon the use, it could require anywhere from several feet of gravel to only a few inches. Also, there was no discussion of permeable paving systems, and the paving pattern suggestions were insulting. Herring bone? Running bond? How pedestrian. It's not rocket science, but there is a RIGHT way to do things which is why there are building codes, of course there is hardly any mention of that either. What really set me off on this book is that it improperly describes how to build a footing for a retaining wall. Hurriedly, I didn't pay attention to the author on this book before I bought it. I wish I had because any book by a publisher of a home magazine is terrible; unless its from the "For Pros by Pros" series. I purchased this book because I thought it would have valuable information on building both a patio and a retaining wall. This book is just useless unless you have never seen a retaining wall or patio before in your life, not even on TV.

Designing the outside of the home adds to curb-side appeal, creates ambience, and increases the value of the home. Walks, Walls Patios provides the homeowner with all the information needed to integrate popular hardscape design into their overall home landscape. Included are ideas for brick and mortared stone walls, flagstone and tile patios, and brick, mortar, and concrete walks and patios. Lavish color photographs provide design inspiration, while the extensive how-to section provides easy-to-follow information.

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