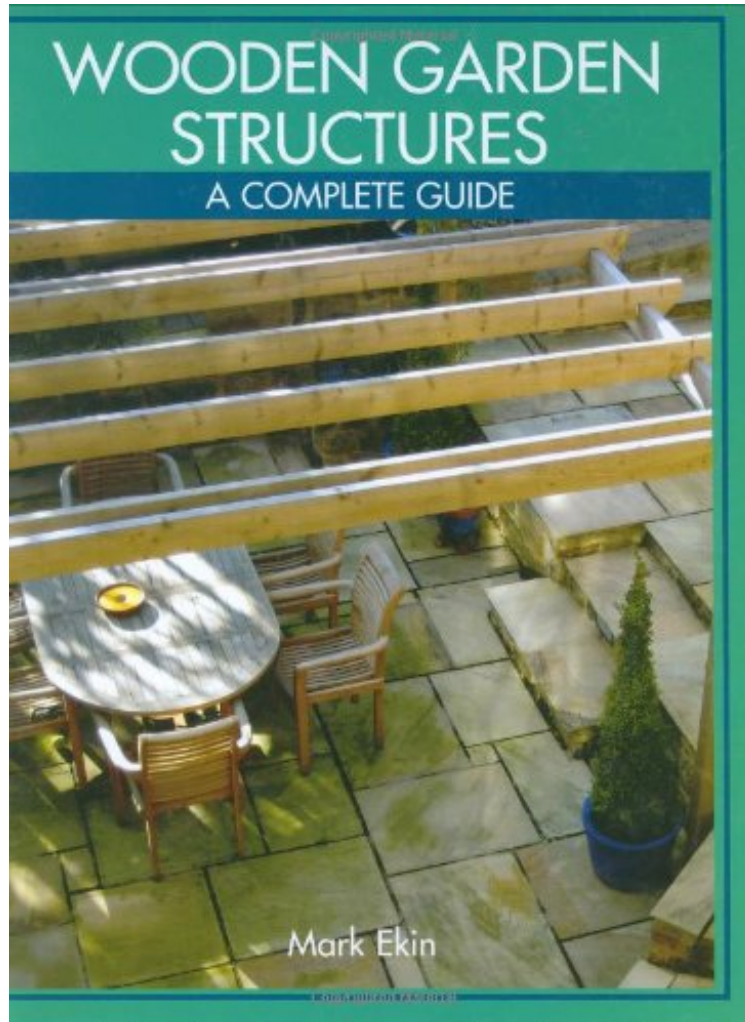


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's okay but nothing amazingBy TRickmanNothing special here, projects are just okay and some are not very elegant or pretty.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A good overview of wooden garden structuresBy Terrence WalshAs the subtitle states, Wooden Garden Structures is "a complete guide" to materials, tools, techniques, and the wide spectrum of things that may be considered "garden structures." The challenge of writing any "complete guide" is that thoroughness is key. Any responsible effort to cover the waterfront on a topic will always have two shortcomings, which are lack of depth on any particular item, and minimal creativity. For depth or creativity one must consult other books.That said, Mr. Ekin has indeed done a

thorough job on this subject. The text is leavened with a legion of black-and-white pictures to illustrate many points. The photos are a definite plus for this book, but many who are now used to the plethora of online images may be unimpressed. That would be unfortunate. You have to start somewhere. Then you can whizz off on a clicking marathon with larger, colorful images. This book is a good starting point. That's what happened to me. On page 99 I found a nice plan for a wooden garden obelisk. It can be used as a freestanding trellis. This particular plan was more detailed than some others in the book. I liked it. It launched me on a fun survey of internet images on this topic. The book was aimed toward a British audience. Measurements are metric and Imperial (i.e., meters, and feet and inches). As with any part of the planet, the list of typical building materials emphasizes what is available. A reader in the U.S. or Canada may have a slightly different list of preferred materials. Most readers will find this book's materials to be familiar. There were several things I particularly liked.* Discussion of pergolas always mentioned their function as a support for climbing plants. I once spent a very pleasant hour in the cool shade of a pergola at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. The day was painfully hot. The pergola's shade was blissful. So why are so many pergolas naked?*

Some other very organic methods are covered, such as a living roof of sedum on a gazebo, with general instructions on how to do this successfully.* Coverage of "living fences" such as willow was a surprise. See page 80. Our world could use more of these. I read a library copy of *Wooden Garden Structures*. I liked it enough to write this review. I hope you find it helpful.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Everything needed for a successful result is included here. By Midwest Book Review

If you're handy with tools and construction and have a garden, *Wooden Garden Structures* is a recommended pick: it provides homeowner/builders with a range of projects, from sheds and summer houses to play houses, fencing, gates, gazebos, planters and more, using photos and diagrams to explain and provide exact methods and patterns for successful duplication. Everything needed for a successful result is included here.

Diane C. Donovan
California Bookwatch

This is a practical step-by-step guide to building a wide variety of wooden garden structures including sheds, summerhouses, play houses, decking, steps, bridges, fencing, gateways, arches, gazebos, trellises, planters, and much more. It is packed with ideas, tips, and practical information, and covers everything from the basic construction methods and materials needed to their maintenance and repair.

About the Author Mark Ekin has worked within the horticultural industry for over twenty-five years, where he ran his own landscaping business. For the last seven years he has been working in the land based education sector and is currently Section Leader for Horticulture and Floristry at The College of West Anglia in Cambridgeshire. This book is based on his experience as a manager, landscaper and lecturer.