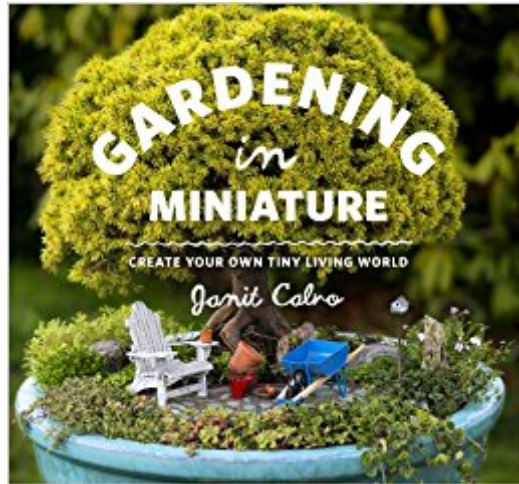




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# Gardening In Miniature: Create Your Own Tiny Living World



## Synopsis

Get ready to journey into the huge world of growing small! The next garden trend combines the joy of gardening with the magic of miniatures. *Gardening in Miniature* is a complete guide to creating lush, living, small-scale gardens. It has everything you need to pick up this new hobby, including scaled down garden designs, techniques for creating tiny hardscapes, miniature garden care and maintenance, tips on choosing containers, how to buy the right plants, and where to find life-like accessories. Inspiring step-by-step projects feature basic skills that can be recreated in any number of designs, like a tiny patio, a trellis, a pond, and a secret garden. Whether you want to build a miniature empire in your garden bed or design a private garden with a pebble patio for an indoor centerpiece, *Gardening in Miniature* is the primer for creating your own tiny, living world.

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As a portal back to childhood, a time when one's imagination spins magical tales, miniature gardens are precious, and the subtitle gets it just right: you can "create your own tiny living world." Calvo's how-to covers miniature garden accessories, scaled design basics, patios and pathways, plants for the miniature garden, samples of miniature garden projects, and maintenance. Full-color photos throughout and detailed charts that categorize trees, shrubs, and miniature bedding plants by sun and shade and outdoor and indoor light levels provide adventurous gardening enthusiasts with technical know-how, tool tips (use a dinner fork as a rake), and creative ideas. Hardly child's play, gardening in miniature is as challenging as working

with a full-scale garden design and encompasses questions of proportion and scale, maintenance and sustainability. With listings of additional readings, metric conversions, and an index, Calvo's guide will draw beginning and experienced practitioners to this whimsical hobby as art. --Whitney Scott

"Miniature Gardening is a magical option for the gardener with limited yard space. This book will position well anyone who wants to begin creating a little world filled with happy growing things." • Publishers Weekly "It will draw beginning and experienced practitioners to this whimsical hobby as art." • Booklist "Adorable. . . . A pleasant escape that allows [one] to not just imagine a carefree and fanciful world, but also to build and experience it, too." • Country Living "After reading this book, I came away even more inspired to create my own miniature garden. Beautiful examples of tiny gardens along with easy-to-follow directions. . . . are all included in this helpful book." • Birds & Blooms "A pleasant escape that allows [one] to not just imagine a carefree and fanciful world, but also to build and experience it, too." • Philadelphia Inquirer "The author lays out how we might invent Lilliputian versions of our own lives so that we might imagine inhabiting this or that little Eden of our own devising, lovely and perfect little places where all the things we love best in the world could be bound—perhaps even literally—in a nutshell." • BookPage

I have made a number of container fairy gardens and am also a public librarian. This book deals with technique, scale and the contents of miniature gardens. It will not be helpful to children or to fairy garden beginners. I found both the captions and the index to be incomplete, as I was unable to locate sources for many of the items photographed. On the other hand, some of the 1/4" gardens are very doable when you realize you can make them in terra cotta saucers, small buckets or shallow containers. The strength of this book is in the detailed information on plants.

A nice book for a beginner in miniature gardening. Lots of pictures and ideas and I found it helpful. Someone with more experience might not find it very useful. I would recommend the book for someone new to fairy gardening. There is good information about arranging, planning and planting, desirable supplies, and information regarding composition and scale.

Miniature gardens, fairy gardens, railroad gardens — they are all about small space

gardening to the point that even if you only have an outdoor balcony you can grow a tiny garden scene. Plant it, decorate it, and add characters to it, it's all to scale of course, no matter what size garden you have! Janit Calvo takes you through the steps of creating your own tiny living world in this charming book. Every page is packed full of wonderful photographs and ideas, you could really get lost in this art form. My favorite garden in the book was the pond in the pot, but many of her created gardens intrigued me. If the bug of gardening in miniature hasn't bitten you, this book will send you right over to the wee side, a place you will never regret going! This is a good book to get you started, or if you already have some under your belt, Calvo helps inspire you to create more.

I have known about for some time. I have perused her website many times, and I have been doing terrariums, and these mini gardens for quite some time. I found some of the information to be very good regarding scale, and how to's, and the only reason I am giving it 3 stars is that there was not one reference to resource materials that i could find. (for the adornments)Over the years I have searched high and low, purused flea markets, online and standing shops to find treasures, but one thing I really look forward to in these manuals.....how to's.....is a great list of resources.Many of the items she is using are available through wholesale suppliers, I know as I used to work for a retail garden center, And I know a lot of the companies out there, but inevitably, those who are in the business of doing this stuff, going to the shows, are aware of many resources, and I usually learn of a new one or two,but nothing here, and that was a bit dissapointing.

Exactly what I needed to get started on my new hobby. Perfect picture inspiration, great how-to information. Best book on the subject.

The book is wonderful if you have an interest in creating a miniature landscape. The web site, for Janit Calvo, is informational with feedback on questions, planning tips and the latest gardening shows they will be showing at. This miniature gardening hobby is especially wonderful if you have limited space for your regular gardening efforts.

I'm a beginner miniature gardener and this book was perfect to get me started. The book covers subjects such as accessories, plants suitable for the garden, scale, patios and walkways, garden projects for the do-it-yourselfers, plant and garden care, and more. The photos are clear and lovely. I made a couple of trellises and arbors following the directions in the book, and they look right at

home in my little gardens. Whether you are a beginner or a pro at miniature gardening, this book is a nice addition to your inspiration library.

This is a great book for young and old alike. The ideas are so original and fun. Our daughter loves to look through this book, then plan and make her gardens. They are so cute to see come to real life. It is fun finding all the small things you can use for these and turning other things into "garden" things. A really nice book.

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