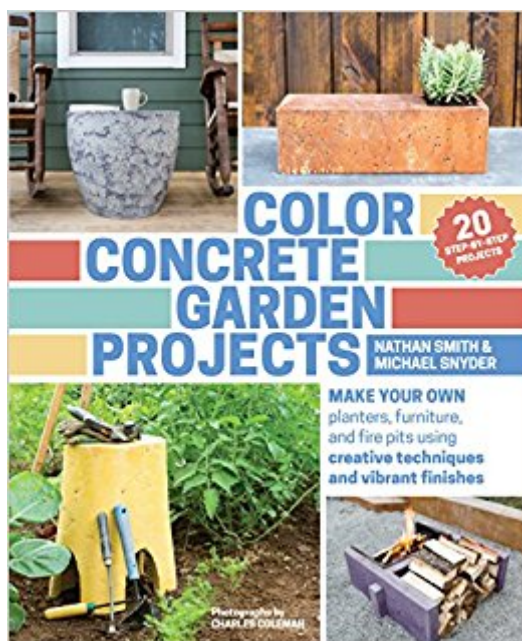


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# Color Concrete Garden Projects: Make Your Own Planters, Furniture, And Fire Pits Using Creative Techniques And Vibrant Finishes



## Synopsis

A Library Journal Best Crafts & DIY Book of 2015 Incorporating concrete design into a home garden can now be easily achieved by any do-it-yourself enthusiast! Concrete furniture and containers add style and personality to outdoor spaces, and the addition of color makes these objects even more eye-catching. These trendy pieces can cost thousands of dollars at garden centers and furniture stores, but they can also be made affordably at home. In this hands-on guide, concrete artisans Nathan Smith and Michael Snyder offer basic information on how to mix concrete and add color using dyes, paints, and inlaid materials. The twenty step-by-step projects include small items, like a candle holder with an old-world feel and a simple stacked-ring planter, and larger pieces, like an elegant bike rack and a beautiful fire pit that is the perfect gathering place for friends and family.

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“Concrete is not just for building construction”there are so many more possibilities. Smith and Snyder have compiled a focused collection of DIY projects taking advantage of colored concrete, including planters, ornamental pieces, and furniture. The step-by-step illustrations are fantastic and highly detailed; the projects are unique; and materials and molds are easily obtained. • “Library Journal “This book has taken concrete projects to a new high. . . . A true standout”superior instructions and innovative design and use of pigment. A must for any DIY collection. • “Library Journal starred review “Those who aren’t afraid to get their hands dirty in the maker sphere

are likely to love Color Concrete Garden Projects.â • â "The Denver Post â œConcrete is the perfect medium for outdoor crafts. It is versatile and durable, and it looks even better with time. Add the element of color, and you have a recipe for vibrant, modern outdoor decor. In Color Concrete Garden Projects, you will discover countless ways you can craft with color and concrete.â • â "Michigan GardenerÂ

Discover the colorful ways you can craft with concrete!Â Concrete is the perfect medium for outdoor crafts. It is versatile and durable, and it looks even better with time. Add the unexpected element of color, and you have the perfect recipe for vibrant, modern outdoor decor.Â This hands-on guide will take your outdoor space from gray to great. Concrete artisans Nathan Smith and Michael Snyder show you how to mix concrete, use forms and molds, and add color using stains, slurries, and other innovative techniques. Twenty creative step-by-step projects for furniture, planters, and art include an elegant tabletop planter, a modern birdhouse, and a charming chair for kids.Â

This book was a great help for me to show others, how simple or complex projects made from concrete, are NOT as "hard or scary" as they previously believed. To see them " get it" simply by looking through and ultimately reading this book cover to cover as it was not at all intimidating. Considering that they wanted to know when we could start. I was also amazed at how many creative ideas came to them as they were still reading this excellent book. I highly recommend this book for those who feel these types of projects require an artist or concrete expert. Nicely done !!!

Not very useful projects.

Good book

Best book for the types of projects I am interested in, by far. Great ideas, photographs and instructions. I can't wait to get started.

Terrific

I have been wanting to complete an outdoor visual garden with concrete and greenery for a church in my neighborhood. My group watched a few videos yet the details for successful molding wasn't really there. This book was just right for a novice. The first few chapters explained the basic about

the type of concrete, coloring, tools, the molds and foams. The only thing not covered was how to seal the concrete. It didn't take away from the book. The instructions came with great pictures...!!!! Definite worth a read. The best part is the book is inspiring to mold other projects in concrete!!!

Really good book. A lot of fresh thoughts and ideas. Good explanations with lots of pictures!

This book is an awesome project book. The photographs make it beautifully easy to understand, and create an image I believe I could have in my home. It's a wonderful blending of photography with real life creations.

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