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The Cut Flower Patch: Grow Your Own Cut Flowers All Year Round



Synopsis

Louise Curley looks at what makes a great cut flower, ideal conditions and soil and the tools you'll need. There is advice on what to grow – from favourite hardy annuals, half hardies and biennials to spring and summer bulbs to adding foliage and fillers to balance arrangements – and advice on how and when to sow, how to support your plants and tips on weeding, deadheading, pests and feeding. Growing your own such means greater choice, working with the seasons and super fresh flowers. Bought flowers can be expensive and the international flower trade often means dangerous chemicals, poor working conditions for growers, demands on water resources and the ‘flower miles’ of worldwide airfreight. This book will help you get the most from your patch with guidance on how to cut the flowers so that they keep producing more blooms and how to look after them once they have been picked. The Cut Flower Patch is completed by a selection of flower arranging tips and sample arrangements as well as tips on finding great containers, planting plans and a helpful year planner.

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Customer Reviews

"The Cut Flower Patch" is a beautifully put together book, with lovely photos of simple bouquets that most gardeners can probably make from their own flowers. But the author gardens in the UK, and growing conditions are hardly the same there as in parts of the US with more extreme weather. Much of the practical advice concerning methods of growing is gleaned from the author's own experience, and is not always applicable for US growers, other than perhaps those living in the Pacific NW. An American gardener without any prior knowledge can find more useful guides for beginning to grow flowers. My advice is to buy a book written by an author with experience growing flowers under conditions similar to where you garden. Once you find such a regional book covering the basics, "The Cut Flower Patch" can be purchased as a lovely, stylish supplement to provide inspiration and ideas. (For more garden book reviews, please visit my garden blog at gardenfancy.blogspot)

I enjoyed reading through this book. I have always wanted to supplement my vegetable with a flower patch for cut flowers but wasn't sure exactly how to set it up and what flowers to use. I have to alter some of the planting schedules from the book for my climate zone (California coast) as the author seems to be based in England but I still found lots of ideas to use. The photos of the flowers are great and there are 20-30 presentation ideas at the end of the book of how to arrange flowers. After finishing the book I have a list of flowers to start next spring. Even with a small area I think I can use ideas from the book to have a great little cut flower patch set up.

I used to buy flowers from the grocery store to enjoy at home every week. I love the color and life fresh flowers bring to the home. Then I became more aware of the terrible price of the commercial cut-flower industry - namely huge amounts of fossil fuels consumed in shipping, and terrible growing practices often involving chemicals being used on the flower farms that are banned for use in America or Europe. The beautiful bouquets you can't help but sniff can be a literal armful of toxins you wouldn't want anywhere in your home - never mind on your table next to your food. So I gave up my flower bouquets except the occasional roses from my rose bush. Enter The Cut Flower Patch: Grow your own cut flowers all year round by Louise Curley, presenting us with the middle ground we need between nothing and awful. A way to grow our own flowers, enjoy the seasonal ebbs and flows of what our garden provides. A way to bring color and life into our homes without supporting a cruel industry. And, tips for growing the plants we'll use in our flower arrangements with earth-friendly and organic principles. By taking matters into our own hands - and yards. Brilliant! [...]

Lovely book, but it's flowers with a British accent. Great for if you're just looking for ideas--not too practical for American readers (gardeners).

I love this book. As well as being beautiful it is very informative and well written. I can't wait to start my own "Picking Patch".

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