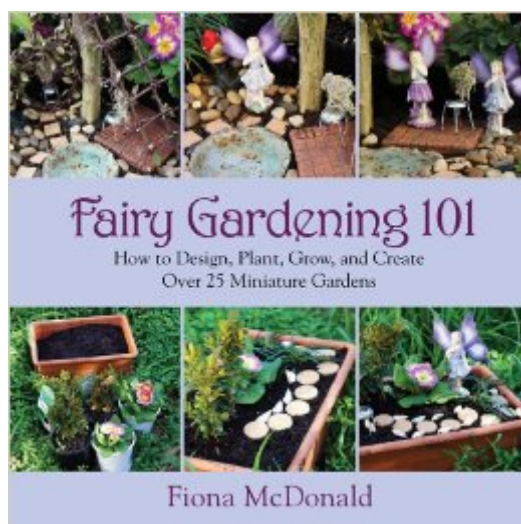


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# Fairy Gardening 101: How To Design, Plant, Grow, And Create Over 25 Miniature Gardens



## Synopsis

Release your inner child and step into the fairy world by creating your own enchanted garden, no matter how much space you have! Fairy gardens are increasing in popularity and *Fairy Gardening 101* provides you with all the information necessary to design, plant, and care for your very own miniature garden oasis. Author, artist, and fairy gardener extraordinaire Fiona McDonald introduces readers to the history of fairy gardens and then provides step-by-step instructions, photographs, and illustrations for you to follow—or draw inspiration from—when starting your own project. Learn which types of plants and containers are most successful for a fairy garden, as well as how to develop a focal point for your enchanted mini Eden. *Fairy Gardening 101* also provides important information on caring for your garden, on designing gardens for both indoors and outside, on using artificial plants to make your garden last a lifetime, and much more! You'll also find inspirational photos from fairy gardeners around the globe as well as a list of suppliers. You don't need to be a master gardener or to have a particularly green thumb to successfully plant and maintain your tiny fairy garden. All you need is a few miniature plants, some thoughtfully placed accessories, a fairy or two, and a love of whimsy and imagination.

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## Customer Reviews

It's no secret that I'm a fan of Fiona McDonald's work. I love her! She is so creative and talented - seriously, how does she come up with all these great things? So when I discovered she was writing a 'how to' book on something that I've been doing since I was a child, I was first in line to buy it! It did

NOT disappointed! 193 pages of beautiful photography (as usual!) kept me distracted for hours. Then I got down to work making my own gardens following her simple, easy-to-understand instructions. Three fairy gardens done! Easy! Even better was the pattern for a fairy doll to make myself. How many other books tell you how to make the garden AND the fairy to go in it? I have since ordered three more copies to be sent to family members around the world and I KNOW that they will love it as much as I did. How could they not? I'm now off to try my hand at a hanging fairy garden. Can't wait! Another fantastic work of art by Fiona McDonald, it's definitely worth getting a copy of this book!

Need some ideas to get you started on making your very own fairy garden? Or maybe you're already well-experienced in the art of designing fairy gardens and you're looking for some new inspiration – either way, Fiona McDonald's Fairy Gardening 101 is for you! This purposeful how-to book gives you all the information you need to create a fairy garden, with lists of supplies, suggestions for interesting containers or settings, and tips for successful long-term maintenance of your beautiful creation. Easy to follow, step-by-step instructions cover the making of miniature furniture, fences and other garden structures – and, of course, even the fairies themselves! What I've always loved about fairy gardens is the use of recycled/upcycled materials and found objects (either natural or man-made) that you discover in your home, yard, neighbourhood or garage or thrift sale! The sky truly is the limit when it comes to sourcing materials for your mini-garden – and that's half the fun! Putting it all together is where you can really let your artistic side shine, and McDonald offers twenty-five whimsical, artistic designs guaranteed to delight: you'll find everything from hanging gardens to ferneries and terrariums, even a Mexican garden! One of my favourite chapters in the book covers 'Wild Fairy Gardens,' where an old tree stump is converted into a castle – so fun! I am also pleased to see that McDonald covers how to grow and/or sustainably source mosses for use in the gardens. This is truly an inventive and enjoyable book!

I haven't planned a garden yet. I have skimmed thru the book and I find it has all the information I'm looking for when I get ready to make my gardens. It has different kinds of gardens and all the steps you need to make whatever kind of garden you want. Love this book!

A nice introduction to fairy garden with very colorful photos. But not much inspiration – just several very simple things to make yourself like champagne bottle cap chair and popsicle stick gate. Not very artistic style gardens. After looking through this book, I went on Pinterest and in half an hour

had amazing set of ideas to make creative fairy garden things like a tree with a swing tire made from toy car tire, cups made from thimbles, twig fence and arched gateway, painted rocks as toadstools, mini pennant string from fabric scraps, tiny painted signpost, using tiny stone sheets for patio, etc.

This book was a huge disappointment. Gave it two stars only because it probably has some value for a beginner in Australia. Information in this book is easily available in books previously published with more information and ideas contained in them. Based on the title I expected a lot more information and gardens, plant info and crafting ideas. The cover is almost exactly the same as a much better book by a different author. Don't get confused - buy the other one!

This book is a little treasure of how to's for faerie gardens of all sizes. The descriptions and photos generate excitement about starting a project for people of all ages.

So this was gift for my 2 granddaughters, ages 6 & 8, together with some miniature garden accessories. In the Spring we will work together creating their fairy garden. They are excited about it. Should be a fun project. The book seems to have lots of great ideas for us.

I was hoping that this book had more information about indoor plants for indoor fairy gardens. It has a lot about outside gardens though.

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