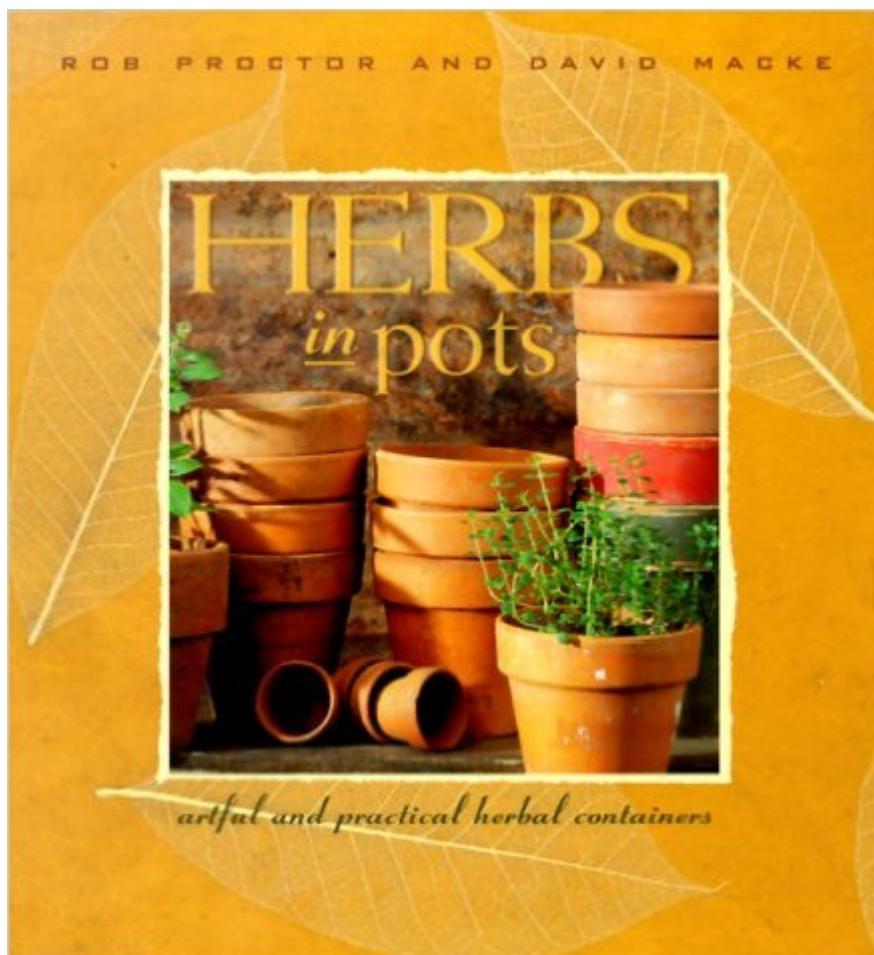


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# Herbs In Pots: A Practical Guide To Container Gardening Indoors And Out



## Synopsis

Tells gardeners how to find or make containers, plant the herbs, and artfully integrate pots into an existing garden. Beautiful color photographs and helpful charts appear throughout.

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## Customer Reviews

HERBS IN POTS by Rob Proctor and David Macke is a sweet little book filled with all sorts of "neat" ideas. If you don't have much experience growing plants in containers or otherwise, pots of herbs are a good place to begin. Even if you have limited space, as long as you have plenty of sunlight (a balcony in the blazing sun?) you can grow herbs in pots. If you end up buying your herbs at Whole Foods, you can use the recipes the authors share and put your herbs in the cooking pot. This is a beautiful glossy book with lots of color photos. The authors are folksy and fun to read and they provide text and pictures that explain how you too can grow beautiful pots of herbs and use them in tasty dishes. Chapter one discusses 'Herbal Care' where practical hints are provided for the new herb grower. Take watering for example. Even drought tolerant herbs require watering. On the other hand, depending on the pot of choice, overwatering can cause problems. The authors note the most likely cause of death is not Mother Nature, but Mother Hen overwatering her pots. The second chapter is entitled 'The Cook's Patio' and contains photos of handsome lettuces, lacy kale, and Italian parsley, as well as many interesting recipes. One can grow herbs singly or in groups in a single pot. Herbs provide accents for the cooking pot as well as the patio. Gazpacho or Pesto anyone? The later half of the book provides the reader with examples of pot containers, planting designs, and eclectic notions. For example, one might plant herbs in used Twining tea tins or enhance plant

containers with odd paraphanalia such as shells and small rocks. The book is visually appealing, and contains some of the most original ideas I've come across in a while. This is a nice gift item for a new homemaker.

Do not imagine that this book is about growing herbs inside in a window garden. The chapters are almost exclusively about pots outside. Even the chapter on the indoors is about propagation. The subjects of topiary, kitchen herbs, and some basics on planting and dry land herbs are included. There is a section on making hypertufa containers, but no diagrams are given and we only see the finished containers from above - and then only the top and edge. Most pictures are taken from above, so it is hard to see the containers. Pests and diseases are covered in a short section, but there are not pictures or diagrams to help you with these either. For some herbs they tell you what the herb is but not how to grow it. More practical information is needed. There are lots of pictures, but in many pictures the herbs are not identified. It's a nice little book to look at and give you ideas on arranging your container grown herbs or other plants, but an instruction-helpful resource, it is not.

This is a great book for somebody like me who gets a bit overwhelmed when visiting a nursery ! It serves as a super guide of what to buy, what goes with what and how to achieve the "look" you are going for. I love the suggestions and have used a few already. Anybody with limited space (or not) can learn from this book.

I have gardened for years, four and a half decades now actually, and I have given up my vegetable garden for herbs and flowers with an occasional tomato plant placed among them. My soil is very poor no matter what I have done to it over the years and have discovered what thrives in it and what does better in pots so had begun placing a pot here and there to get some annual herbs to grow. This year at a used book store, I happened to come across Rob and David's book, Herbs in Pots, and was immediately inspired by the photos to take pots sitting around the yard with anemic looking plants and redo the lot. So far, the look is very nice and all the flowers, herbs and succulents are doing very well. Thank you Rob and David for this book that has been such an inspiration this season. As for the negative reviews, Rob and David let you know right off what the book is about, so if you are looking for a book that is more like a college text book on the subject of herbs and pots, this is not it. It is about design, the visual affects of grouping, etc. a lot of "how to's," and they let you know in the introduction that they are not experts on the medicinal uses, or professional chefs,

though they do give a tips on herbs uses and some favorite recipes. Great book, beautiful photos that inspired me and a good read too. Thank you.

These guys are random (in a good way) and give a great read. A plethora of information & Beautiful pictures inspires Lots of ideas!

This is a wonderful book for people who want to grow their gardens in pots. I have a special affinity for herbs of all kinds and this is priceless with its tips and instructions. Service when I ordered was first rate. And the price was right.

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