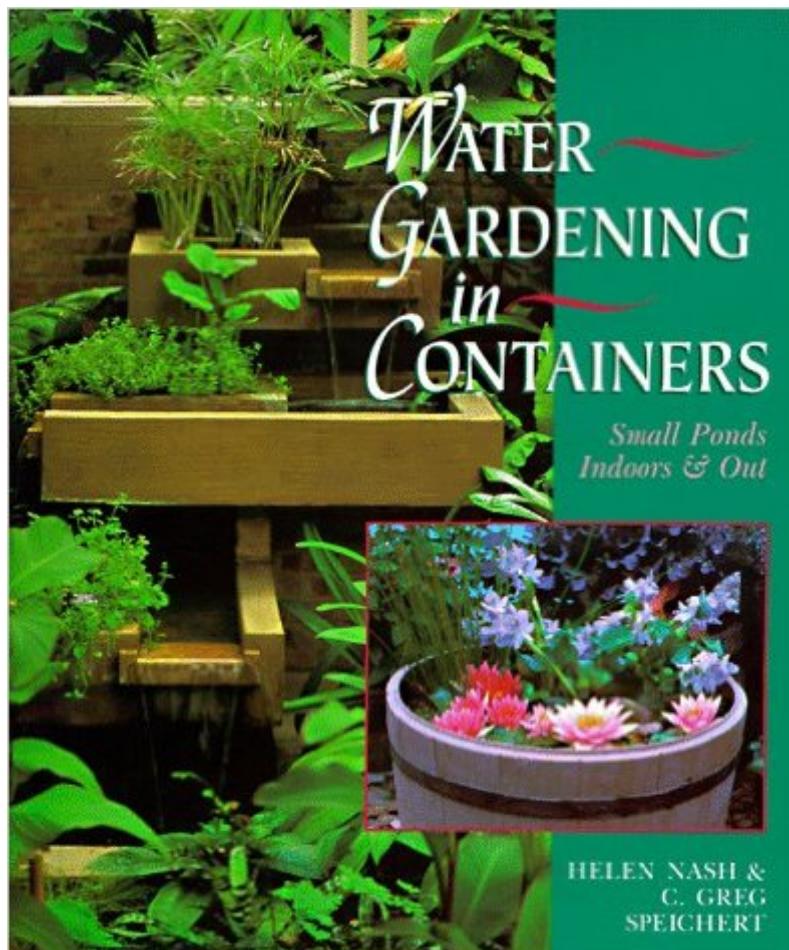


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# Water Gardening In Containers: Small Ponds, Indoors & Out



## **Synopsis**

Just because you don't have a pond, or time for one, doesn't mean you'll never enjoy a water garden. All you need is a container no bigger than a fish aquarium and a few minutes a week. Choose from a surprising variety of containers and plantings, from classic lotuses and small water lilies peeking out of traditional urns, to pots and tubs on windowsills and door stoops. Here is the basic information needed on how to select a container (anything you can seal and make watertight); the most attractive low-maintenance plants and how to care for them; how to stock fish; how to adapt your care to the four seasons; and much more -- all with color photos to inspire your ideas, and close-up photos and drawings to show you how to carry out each step of preparation, manufacture, and care.

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This book is well illustrated and is a great "idea book" for people who want to see the many types of container water garden possibilities. There are also several useful tips that make the book worthwhile. Contents are: 1. Basics, 2. Tub gardens, 3. Dish and indoor gardens, 4. Hanging baskets, 5. Planters & window boxes, 6. Creative containers, 7. Patio ponds, 8. Fountains, statuary & wall containers, 9. Paludariums (semi-aquatic glass tank gardens that can house plants & pets), 10. Lotus, 11. Carnivorous plants. Who knew there were so many types of water container gardens? Several chapters have step-by-step pictures for setting up the containers and placing fixtures and plants. However, the book is terribly deficient in detail - each chapter has about a

brochure's worth of text. Although many pond books suggest that novices will find a container garden to be an easy first water project, there are some unique challenges - in particular: temperature control, selecting pumps & filters suitable for small containers, controlling quality of a small water volume, and choosing plants that are best for containers. I have several pond/general water gardening books, and I bought this book hoping for more info specific to container gardens. The book is particularly deficient in information about the various plants. Unlike most water garden books, there is no section devoted to plant specifications and requirements (other than lotuses and carnivorous plants). In many of the photographs, the plants are not identified. This severely limits the value of the book as a brainstorming tool. The book also does a very poor job of explaining the water quality and temperature problems that will arise if one attempts to add fish or other animals to the container.

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