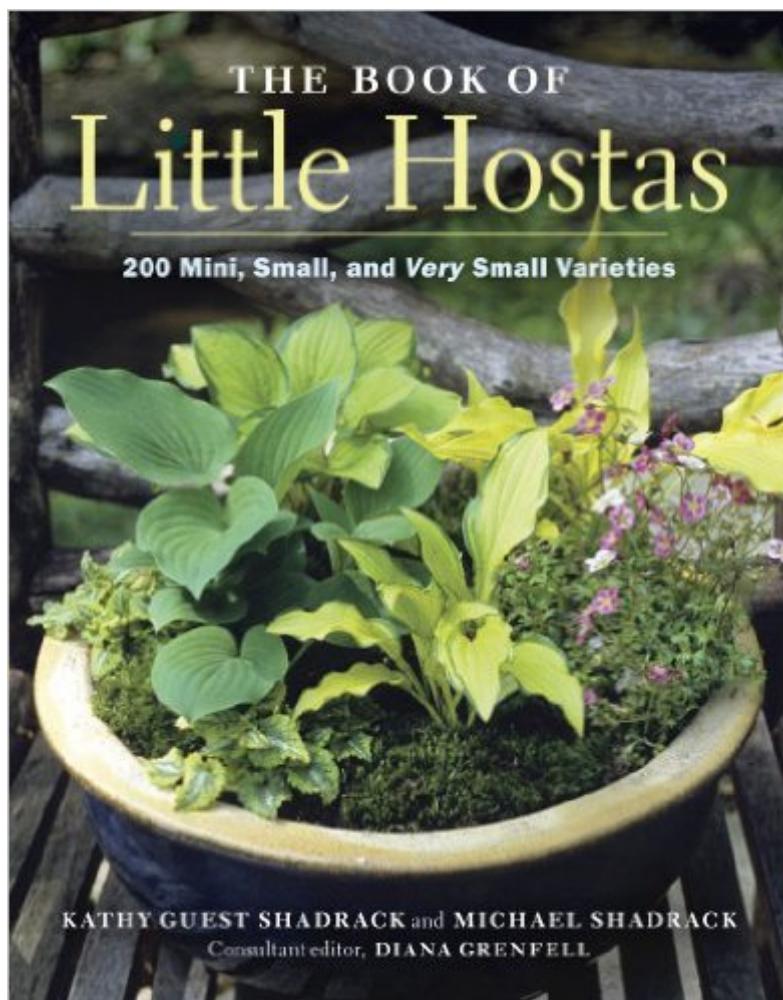


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# The Book Of Little Hostas: 200 Small, Very Small, And Mini Varieties



## Synopsis

Hostas are irresistible. Their sculptural leaves and appealing textures make it difficult to stop at one, and it is easy to fill a garden with them. Help is at hand with this attractive guide to the popular new small hostas that take up less space and are ideally suited to container cultivation. They can be used on their own or with companion plants to make charming displays on the patio, porch, or even windowsill. Many small hostas are simply scaled-down versions of classic hostas, while others offer distinctly new attributes in terms of color, leaf shape, and patterning. Like full-size hostas, small hostas can be upright, flat, or cascading; there are varieties that are full of substance, and others that are fine and delicate; there are green ones, gold ones, blue ones, variegated ones, and splashed ones. Some are better garden plants than others, and a valuable function of this book is to showcase the very best of the new introductions. Photographs of the hostas in garden settings show how admirably they respond to imaginative display in a wide range of situations including waterside, woodland, and rock gardens. Beautifully illustrated and highly informative, this handpicked selection of diminutive hostas will inspire hobbyists and gardeners alike and provide inspiration for new planting schemes.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a self described hosta addict and I have decided to create a garden with a collection of mini hostas so I thought this book would be a good buy. It covers the basics and not too much else. The pictures are nice but not very inspiring which is what I was hoping for. My biggest complaint is that

the descriptions of the hostas don't actually identify whether they are classified as small, very small or mini - you just know it has to be one of the three or it wouldn't be listed in the book.

Unsure if the other reviewers actually even looked at the text and pictures. This book is poorly organized, and unfortunately not even that useful as an encyclopedia. I am a landscape architect. From a design standpoint, organizing hostas into categories like "Little Hostas as edging plants" and "Hostas suitable for raised beds" is utter nonsense. It would have been much more educational and useful to categorize by color or SIZE, which is supposed to be the basic premise of this book. Usually Timber Press offers the best books for the horticulture industry, but I'm glad I checked this one out at the library before purchasing.

Personally I do not like reviews that are shallow and say nothing. I agree this book is well published, colorful, with a lot of good photographs. This is almost all. When I got this book a few weeks ago I was also delighted seeing such a nice book. When I started reading it I found that it is messy and descriptions of hostas are everywhere. I do not see a reason to divide hostas as those that are suitable for raised beds, separate for woodland, separate for container, separate for window boxes, etc, etc. And everything is hidden in a chapter entitled "Creating a place for little hostas". There are no special hostas for containers that cannot be planted in raised beds or woodland. Majority of hostas are from woodland edges and majority of hostas require similar planting conditions. Where we plant them is completely irrelevant. I expected to get a well organized book, where plants will be organized by specific criteria - for example size (width or height), or color, or anything that will help us to find the plant that we are looking for, a plant that we have seen somewhere in the park and we have no idea what is its name. However, a separate book on small hostas makes a lot of sense and I hope that second edition of this book will be better organized.

A great reference for little Hosta . Lots of pictures. I had my book signed by the authors- Kathy Guest and Mike Shadrack since they live in my town. The authors are wonderful people who love to talk with other gardeners. And their home property, Smug Creek is surrounded by hundreds of Hosta that definitely shows their love of these wonderful "Friendship" plants (as Mike calls them because they are meant to be divided and shared with friends)

Nice small book that is easy to handle. The title says it all. The author covers pretty well everything a gardener needs to know: which cultivars to choose, how to use them effectively, how to group

them, and care for them regarding diseases and pests. There are many color plates of individual hostas and groupings. Companion plantings are addressed as well.

Clear pictures and this book has WONDERFUL Descriptions and full help guides. Page after page Not just about Mini's I have lots of Hosta books These help guides the authors write are A must have. To grow better and MORE importantly Help make your expensive collection LAST Hosta La Vista.

It is very informative about the culture of hostas in general, and the "littles" specifically. I am a big fan of mini hostas, and this book alerted me to some of their special needs. A great little book!

This is a great book to look at pictures of little hostas. It also gives good information on growing and caring for them in different planting settings. If you're just getting started with hostas or you are a seasoned gardener, this is a fun book to have around.

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