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Simple Fountains
Synopsis
From small tabletop models to full-size backyard waterfalls, fountains can add beauty and serenity to any setting. Expert landscaper Dorcas Adkins offers step-by-step instructions for creating 20 elegant fountains that use a wide variety of materials. With advice on everything from installing quiet magnet-driven pumps to working bonsai trees into an ethereal fountain design, Adkins helps you create a water feature that suits your personal taste and style. Build your own fountain and enjoy the soothing sounds and playful visual effects of moving water.

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Customer Reviews
I expected this to be "simple fountains". There is some useful information, but a lot of complicated variations of fountains, not a single "simple fountain" in the bunch. If you are into building wood frames, creating a casting mold, mixing and pouring cement, drilling brackets and holes, and carrying very large and heavy objects to and fro, this is your book. If you are, however, looking for "simple fountains", this is not the book. Based on the deceptive title, misleading description, and questionable reviews, I'll be avoiding all of this author's fountain books.

This book has very well explained projects of little and garden fontains with all the details and nice schemes. Also, it has where to find all the elements you need to make them. I bought two books by mistake, but I gave one to my father who fell in love with the book inmediately. This book is for all of you that love gardening and doing more than growing plants. Greetings from Spain.
Very good book to find some interesting techniques on building fountains. There are some in the book that are very beautiful and inspiring. The author can go very in depth in some areas on how to create the parts for the fountain, which is very helpful. I would suggest to someone who needs ideas for a fountain.

I broke my table top fountain and went shopping for a new one. In the process I came upon this book and thought, "Humm...cheaper and more fun when you DIY." Why not five stars? This book is excellent and worth 5 stars. For me personally, I would have liked more varieties of table top fountains. Picky, picky, picky :)

This book is very helpful and full of excellent photos and line drawings that give detailed views of putting together all kinds of fountains. I've been searching for a book like this for awhile and am glad to have finally found it! It is organized very well and nicely written. Very inspiring!

This is a fantastic book! It has step by step instructions guiding the reader through simple tabletop fountains to complex outdoor structures. It also lists sources for the materials mentioned - which is a huge help. All one needs is a little bit of time, some tubing, and a drill, and "Simple Fountains" will explain how to turn it into something wonderful! Truly awesome!

Covers a lot of different fountain types from ponds, waterfalls, wall fountains, to table top. Like the photos and diagrams. Not too highly complicated and yet not too simplistic. Surprised and pleased at how many Japanese style fountains were included. Will not need to buy another fountain book ever.

THE AESTHETICS ELEVATE IT TO ARTAt the time that I write this, late summer 2011, there are three or four glowing reviews on this book. As others have mentioned, the author provides a wealth of well-organized and easily understandable instructions for the projects in the book along with valuable tips and sources for materials. Indeed, being something of an aficionado of "how to" books, I would easily rate this among the very best among them. What has as yet been unmentioned, or possibly only obliquely, is that the overall "presentation" of the book, and the excellent, excellent composition and content of the photographs - IOW, the aesthetics of it - elevate it to art. Don't be surprised to find your house guests happily devouring it should you happen to leave it on a coffee
table!Well done!

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