Lin Wellford's Painted Garden Art
Anyone Can Do
**Synopsis**

Get ready to rock your world! You don’t need a green thumb to turn your yard into a work of art! Painted garden art is the perfect, low-cost way to add color and visual interest to your landscape. Lin Wellford makes it easy with these fun, imaginative projects: Vibrant stepping stones, breathtaking focal points and accents, realistic faux fish, ever-blooming borders and flower-filled planters, decorative pieces perfect for any garden, porch, or patio. This is art anyone can do!

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

What a wonderful book! I bought a home last year from someone who planted nice flowers and bushes, but then edged them in ugly scalloped concrete borders with ugly concrete stepping stones nearby. I moved all of them to the shed & wondered what in the world I’d ever do with so much ugly concrete. Then I found this book. Never would it have occurred to me to paint my edgers & stepping stones the way Lin did. I’m no painter, but decided I had nothing to lose by trying. It worked! Lin’s directions are very clear, easy to follow, and so much fun. I actually purchased an edger last week for yet another painting. Her stepping stones are also great. Plus, my sense of success caused me to purchase 2 of Lin’s rock painting books, and they are also great. The water-based paint she recommends is formulated for concrete, stone, rocks, etc and saves steps because it has the primer & sealer built in. Another plus: Lin’s projects are very affordable. Among materials used to edge plantings, the concrete edgers shown in this book are the cheapest, slightly over $1 each at Lowe’s, and the paint can be purchased at a crafts store in very small quantities for $2. Watch for Michael’s
40% discount coupon (good for any item not on sale) every other Sunday in your newspaper. Hobby Lobby's 40% coupon is generally on alternating weeks. Both stores frequently run 50% off on paint brushes. Plus another plus: Unlike so many craft books, Lin's are filled with clever, not cutesy, ideas. So much fun.

Lin Wellford has exceeded her own standard for excellence in her latest book. Each project is carefully designed to guarantee success for painters of all skill levels. Stunning photos of completed projects show clearly how to brighten any yard/garden with whimsy and color using a variety of ordinary materials. Step by step illustrations are very clear and easy to follow. This book will provide hours of painting fun! Get it now, you won't be sorry...

Outstanding book. Can not wait to get started. Highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to do some special painting for their garden and gifts for friends.

This is the 4th of Lin Wellford’s books that I have purchased. I use all of them on a regular basis because of the great tips she gives. The instruction steps are easy to follow. I especially like that she gives alternate materials to use, since I live in a rural area and don’t have a craft shop easily available. With the tips in this book about presealing rocks with Kilz, I now can use some rocks for garden art that were not usuable for painting animals. My friends and customers appreciate the variety of ideas I have developed, thanks to the great foundation of illustrations and instructions from Lin’s books that got me started on a craft business.

Truly lovely gardens often require more than simply lovely plants. They also depend on the use of stepping stones, scalloped border pieces, manufactured field stones, natural river rocks, and other such raw materials to create maintenance-free borders, flower beds, and accent pieces. In “Painted Garden Art Anyone Can Do”, gardening expert Lin Wellford presents eleven complete projects and patterns that even the most novice gardener can immediately apply to their own gardening and landscaping efforts. There are projects here that will help the gardener or landscaper to make the most out of limited space, compensate for not having time enough to keep annuals from looking their best, deal with otherwise doggedly shady areas and worn spots in the year, using relatively inexpensive and low-maintenance water features. A very strongly recommended and thoroughly ‘user friendly’ instructional reference for aspiring gardeners, Lin Wellford's "Painted Garden Art Anyone Can Do" is profusely illustrated with more than three hundred color photographs and a
This book is another winner for Lin Wellford. I own all of her books and like her previous works she breaks rock painting, or in this case concrete painting, down into a step by step process. Truly anyone can paint with Lin’s instructions. This book includes a few more complex projects so is not the one I would recommend for the first time painter, but on the other hand she has included patterns of the projects in the back of the book. This is also the book for those of you who do not have access to a rock pile. Just head down to your local home improvement store and for a few dollars pick up your “canvas”.

These projects are incredible and the author breaks them down step by step so even a non-artist like myself can get great results.

As covered in the publisher’s blurb, Lin Wellford gives 11 nifty projects, good directions and patterns. The projects are fanciful, colorful and fun. I’m really hoping to start work on the elephants soon as winter comes on. The instructions should be helpful for even those who think they haven’t any artistic talents. We all have some creativity and talent, and using it is a healthy activity. Don’t fret if it doesn’t look exactly like the pictures, it is YOUR style - Rembrandt’s work didn’t look anything like Picasso’s but both of their works are considered to be masterful. Lin’s book will help you get going.

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