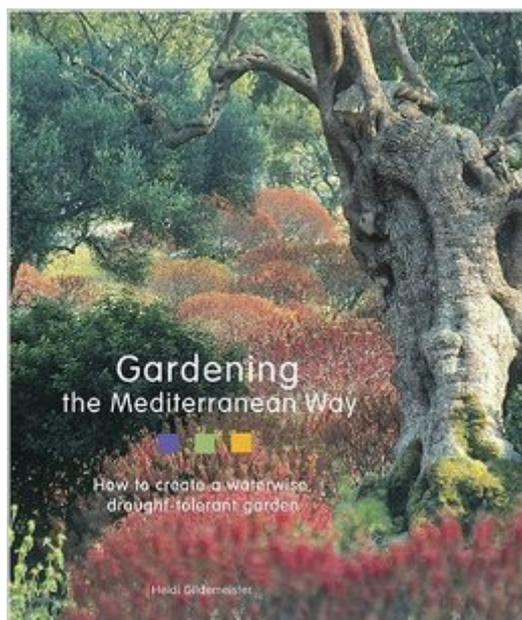


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# Gardening The Mediterranean Way: How To Create A Waterwise, Drought-Tolerant Garden



## Synopsis

Over the last 25 years, Heidi Gildemeister has converted a dry landscape on the western Mediterranean coast into a gorgeous, thriving ten-acre garden. Her own experience and research have taught her the secrets of utilizing drought-resistant plants and waterwise gardening practices to allow the soil and plants to absorb enough winter rain so they can survive the dry summer. Now this expert gardener, author of the widely praised "Mediterranean Gardening: A Waterwise Approach, shares her wealth of knowledge in a lovely, inspirational volume that shows us how to create a lush garden in mediterranean-climate regions throughout the world. Her presentation of 20 dream gardens, among them an olive grove in bloom, a haven by the sea, and a scented shade garden, each with extensive plant lists and practical advice, is at the heart of her book, illustrated with more than 200 of her own, exquisite full-color photographs.

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Gardening The Mediterranean Way: How To Create A Waterwise Drought-Tolerant Garden by Heidi Gildemeister (a founding member and former president of the Mediterranean Gardening Society) is a highly meticulous guide drawing on the author's years of experience to create beautiful, healthy gardens that can thrive in areas subject to drought. Featuring environmentally sound techniques that take the effects of the seasons into full account, gorgeous color photography, extensive recommendations of plants that are hardy, versatile, and labor-saving, exhaustively detailed instructions for gardeners of all experience levels from novice to expert, and much more, Gardening The Mediterranean Way is a solid instructional, as beautiful to page through as it is user-friendly.

Highly recommended.

Heidi Gildemeister's garden manual was written for disciplined gardeners who want to live the Mediterranean way and work in harmony with their surroundings. The book describes the process of creating a water-wise, drought-tolerant landscape using native plants. Two introductory chapters cover plant selection, avoiding invasive species, drought survival, layout, color, scale, proportion, and atmosphere. The bulk of the text consists of examples of your personal Eden - dream gardens from which the reader can draw inspiration. Features gardens include an abandoned farm, an urban garden, terracing, a coastal garden, and fruit and vegetable gardens. Includes plant list, glossary, vendor list, bibliography, and full index.

Gildermeister goes into detail on several subjects when doing gardening in Mediterranean climates. This book is a great complementary book to her book "Mediterranean Gardening" because it expands on some of the ideas she first presents in that book but, "Gardening the Mediterranean Way" stands well alone because it looks at specific gardening situations in such a way that the reader will not find it lacking. This is a delightful book that gives both novice and experienced gardeners a better understanding of med. gardening. The book has wonderful illustrations, photos and great ideas that, in her own words, makes one's garden a 'personal Eden'.

We gave this as a retirement gift along with other books (as the recipient specified gardening books as what she wanted as a retirement gift) and she appreciated it a great deal. She was happy to have this book.

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