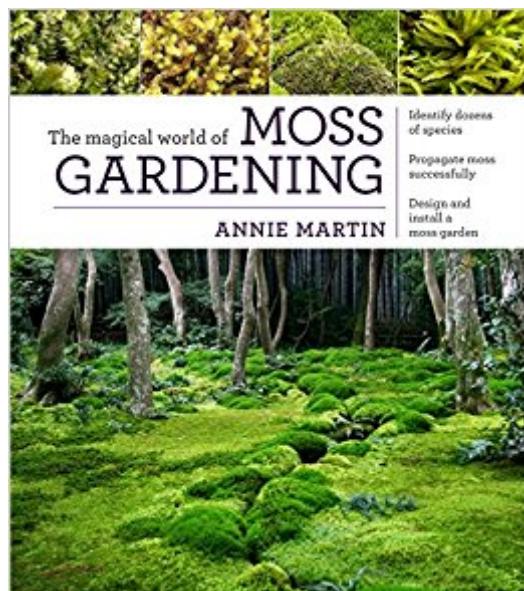


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# The Magical World Of Moss Gardening



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“The author flawlessly blends botanical descriptions and artistic sensibilities so that evocative summaries, accompanied by vivid photos, help readers understand the tactile and visual delights of moss, as well as its environmental benefits. . . . perfect for anyone interested in growing moss. A viable alternative to lawns, moss is thoroughly explained in this one-of-a-kind tome from the owner of Mountain Moss Enterprises in North Carolina.” *Library Journal* starred review “Any conversation about the nuanced delights of moss gardening is usually overshadowed by lawn bores wanting to know how to eradicate the stuff. Here is the antidote. Martin’s whistle-stop survey of moss gardens from Japan to North America should convert

even diehard moss-militants. The Financial Times "Comprehensive, inspirational, and full of information, this is a fascinating book for anyone wanting to truly broaden the range of plants they grow" a very useful guide. Gardens Illustrated "The bible for mossers." Asheville Citizen-Times "Instead of eradicating this deer-resistant, pest-resistant, rootless, stemless wonder of a plant, Martin tells us how to encourage and cultivate it." Seeing these hushed and serene gardens makes me hope our climate continues to oblige in future summers. Pacific Northwest Magazine "Down-to-earth advice on how to make the best use of bryophytes in the garden, with profiles of 25 of the most useful species." The Professional Gardener "In her new book, Martin offers a realistic path to success with this plant, the 'other' green ground cover." Whether you're a newcomer or a (somewhat) experienced grower who wants a successful moss landscape, the book offers insights and options to help you reach your goal. About.com "As informed and informative as it is beautifully illustrated and thoroughly 'user friendly' in content and presentation, The Magical World of Moss Gardening is very highly recommended." Midwest Book Review "The Magical World of Moss Gardening will encourage and inspire anyone new to moss gardening." Pumpkin Beth "A

Mosses are a gardener's dream. These emerald beauties thrive where nothing else grows, and they provide year-round interest in all climates. Deer-resistant and immune to typical garden insects and diseases, mosses offer erosion control and help prevent water run-off. Try placing these magical plants between rocks, along pathways, or even as a lawn for a velvety green backdrop. The variations in color, texture, shape, and even size will amaze you. In this inspiring guide, Annie Martin, known as "Mossin" to her fans, covers the essentials for creating an extraordinary moss garden. With profiles of the best mosses to grow and expert tips on planting and care, you can create fascinating combinations and establish a verdant oasis to enjoy for years to come.

Annie Martin's moss book is nothing short of fantastic! I highly recommend it to anyone who is even vaguely interested in moss. Mossin Annie she knows her stuff and does a fine job of making mosses accessible to everyone. I own several moss books and this is my all-time favorite and the book I go to first for assistance. The book is superbly illustrated with photographs of moss on nearly every page. It is the best-illustrated moss book on the market. And

the photos are beautiful! There are a number of pictures of how to use moss in the garden, a section of some famous Japanese moss gardens, and a delightful introduction to 25 common mosses. And the photos are large enough to provide the detail that the reader needs to become familiar with the moss. It's easy to follow Annie Martin's step-by-step tutorials on how to design, plant, and care for moss in the garden. Importantly she goes into detail about steps you need to take to determine where moss will grow well in your garden. My husband and I really enjoyed following her suggestions for assessing our yard and were delighted to locate moss that is already growing on our property. I bought the book this winter (I live in Michigan) and using this book we have already started two small gardens in different locations on our property. And we have just begun!

A thorough book that allows even a beginner gardener to start mossin'. I bought this to start adding a moss component to my shady medicinal garden - I wanted info on how to start actually propagating moss rather than just waiting and hoping it shows up - and Annie Martin's book didn't disappoint. After reading it, I came away excited and ready to jump right in and start moss gardening!

So bought this book and showed it to my sister, and she took it! Then she showed it to a good friend, and the friend took it! Who knows where my original book went - out to the mossin' yonder. So now I am re-buying the book because it is so delightful to read and a visual paradise - thank you, Mossin' Annie, for a book of wonder! Barbara & George Groome

I have always loved the look of moss and now after being inspired by this awesome book I can't wait to get started incorporating moss into my garden. As a master gardener I love trying new things. The internet is full of misinformation on how to get moss growing. I always thought it was a bogus idea blending moss with buttermilk among other things, Annie agrees this is not a way to get moss started. She definitely knows her moss and I love watching her YouTube videos. I was so excited finding out she wrote a book. It's so fun to look for moss and now I know you can plant it any day of the year! So many possibilities and projects! Well written and informative. A book I will refer to often. Highly recommend buying this! You rock Annie! Thanks, Barb

This is a wonderful book! I consulted with Mossin' Annie at her home and at her nearby moss growing location in Pisgah Mountain, NC a couple years ago. Changed my yard landscaping and

my experiments with terrariums and table-top moss gardens as a result. And she continued to advise after my visit to NC. I wholeheartedly recommend her book and her consultation service!

This is a great primer for moss lawn enthusiasts. Annie Martin's love of moss gardening is evident in her poetic style of writing. As a beginning moss grower I gleaned many useful tips for expanding my moss patches to eventually form a lawn area.

I haven't started planting moss yet but getting closer. Book should be is "a must read" for anyone contemplating moss growing.

Bought as a gift for my husband, after our trip to Japan. Must be a good book, we now have the beginnings of a beautiful moss garden in a corner of our property. So it got him motivated and enthused.

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