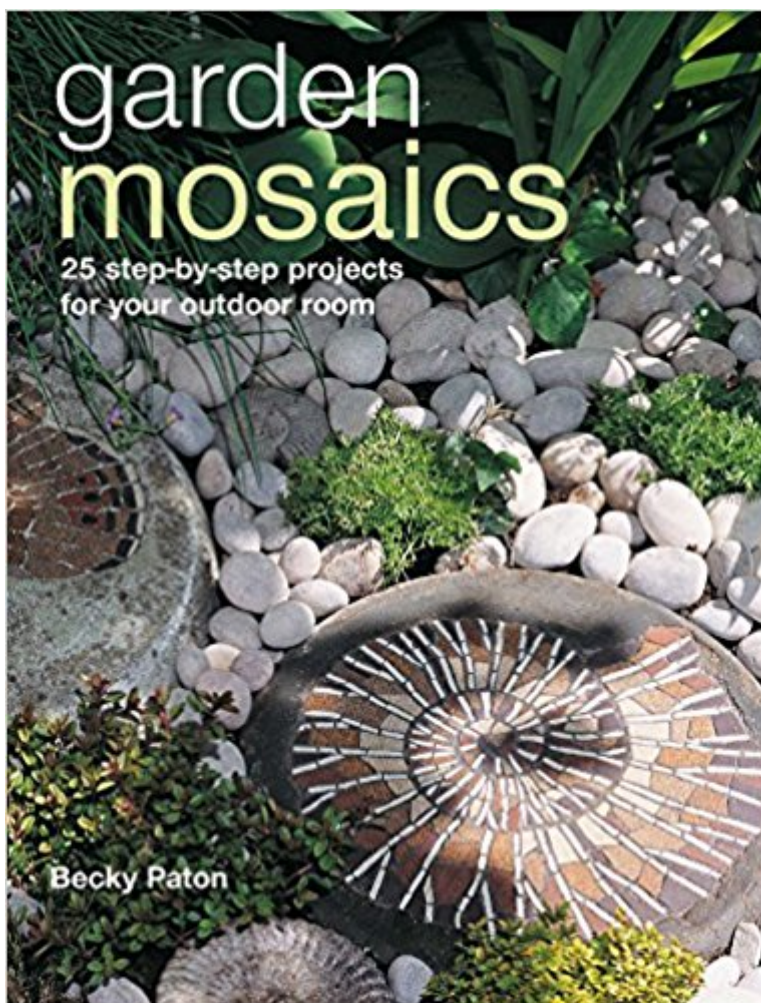




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Garden Mosaics: 25 Step-by-step Projects For Your Outdoor Room



Synopsis

One of the most long-lasting and hard-wearing artforms, mosaic pieces are perfect to make the most of your outdoor space. Suitable for a tiny terrace or a large country expanse, the projects in "Garden Mosaics" show you how to decorate your outdoor space in the most charming, individual and enduring way. The extensive techniques section shows you how to choose and use the right tiles for your environment. The range of tiles on the market today is better than ever, and the book makes the most of the wealth of new materials available such as spangled tiles or inexpensive but authentic gold-leaf tiles. As you progress, you can develop your own creativity with tips on tile and colour-matching that allow you to adapt the projects to make pieces completely unique to you and your garden. All suitable for beginners, the 25 projects in the book range from simple decorative pieces, such as the enchanting, simple child's footprints and butterfly stones to practical and sturdy weatherproof pieces, including a trompe l'oeil chequered mosaic tabletop and delightful planters that will add colour to your garden even in winter. Some projects, such as the night light, can be finished in under two hours.

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Customer Reviews

Becky Paton studied Public Art and Design at Chelsea School of Art in London, where she specialized in mosaic making. She now works as a mosaic artist in the UK and Norway undertaking public, community and private art commissions, and her most recent public art commission was the mosaic name plate for the V&A Museum of Childhood in London. Becky also teaches and exhibits

both in the UK and overseas.

Wow! This is the first -- the **first** -- non-intimidating book about homemade mosaics that I've ever seen! The photographs alone are reason enough to buy this book, for they show, step-by-simple-step, **exactly** how each item is made, from materials, to tools, to the process itself, to finished product. In fact, after reading this book and looking at the beautiful photographs, I think that I could actually **make** one of these items! That's saying plenty, because every other book I've seen on the subject scares me silly! Those other books convince me that I could never, **ever** succeed at making even the simplest mosaic. But "Garden Mosaics" author Becky Paton leads me step-by-step, beginning with the basics. For example, she tells me, with an accompanying photo, exactly when I should wear rubber gloves. Then she shows photographs of what a certain mixture will look like when I first put the ingredients together, then what it will look like during the mixing process, and finally, what the mixture will look like when it's ready to use. Step-by-step: that's exactly what I need! Without author Paton's crystal-clear photos and brief, concise instructions, I would never, ever **dream** of trying to make one of these projects on my own. So I'm keeping this book on my living-room table, and each time I look at it, my confidence grows. By golly, this time next year I'll probably be the proud owner of several projects straight outta this book! I've already picked out my first one: an elegant House Number for my gorgeous, recently remodeled, modified Victorian, late 1890's home!

Informative great book

I really like this book. It is easy to follow and the steps are illustrated which makes it easier to learn how to do the projects. I like the fact that some of the projects are 3-D and that I was able to get ideas on how to execute them. They go from very easy to more difficult so there is something for almost everyone.

Being new to mosaics, I was excited about this book. It delivers! There are many projects to do from start to finish. It shows the steps with photos for all of the projects and is pretty straight forward. The only negative is that some of the projects lack a little more information. It just needed a little bit more of information on some of the projects, such as the dragonfly. It said to use cement adhesive, but that does not spread smoothly. Is there a specific brand that I should use to get that smooth look? Still haven't found the answer. Anyway, over all this was a good book.

I love it very much but haven't tried to make anything shown in it yet; however, I do have a lot of ideas for next summer when I plan to start making some long needed changes in our yard and garden areas which total some 2 - 3 acres. I don't know if I'll live long enough to finish the project but I certainly will make a good effort to start!

I bought this book to learn a bit about making mosaics, but I got far more in the bargain. Very nicely photographed and illustrated, the reader will feel inspired to start making their projects, secure in the knowledge tht they will succeed. This is a worthy addition to those seeking to make a valuable addition to their personal library of knowledge.

this books shows you how to do many unique projects on your own from scratch. Love this idea which means I can incorporate a little bit of "ME" in everything I do. Loved this book.

Have only just got this book. Took a long time to get here to Oz. Love what I have seen so far, and have gotten some fabulous ideas out of it. Love the pictures in it and will soon be trying some out for myself.

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