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Creative Concrete Ornaments For The Garden: Making Pots, Planters, Birdbaths, Sculpture & More



Synopsis

Sherri Warner Hunter, author of the bestselling *Creating with Concrete*, proves once again that concrete isn't just for sidewalks anymore; it's perfect for the garden too. A selection of 30 beautiful designs suggests the range of this increasingly popular material, and the illustrated instructions make the craft's fundamentals easy to learn. The simplest projects come first, so beginners can work their way through the book progressively, building on their skills. Projects include a carved trough, sandcast bowl, elegant relief panel, and--for more skilled crafters--a decorative walkway, sculpture, and water feature.

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Customer Reviews

I am thrilled to have this book. I knew people were doing this type of work, and I have wanted to know how. Other books have provided bits & pieces, but Sherri's book is THOROUGH. Each time I came up with a question in my mind as I was reading, the answer would be on one of the next pages. After reading through her book, I feel confident and inspired to take on projects I had been afraid to tackle. She shows a wide variety of projects -- her instructions are CLEAR and easy to follow. I shared this with my sister (out of state) & her comment was, "I can't believe you let loose of this!" A truly inspiring book!

I like this book because it has very detailed "how to" instructions to make concrete ornaments for

your garden. The "how to" illustrations are very clear. The photographs of actual designs are beautiful.

This has been one of the most enjoyable creative books I have purchased in a long time. I originally got it for my business which is moving into concrete molding and casting. I knew my mom would thoroughly enjoy it and immediately bought a copy for her as a gift. She LOVES it and immediately began playing with concrete using some of her ideas for her desert garden. So thinking about it...I decided to buy my own copy! Next summer I plan on doing several of the creative ideas in it, but with my own artistic twist. I can't wait! So purchase a copy and get ready to play in concrete knowing all the details necessary to have a successful, artistic outcome! Many years have past since I wrote this review...yet I had to add more after seeing what my mother created based off of ideas from this book. She created several fan and leaf-shaped pieces ensuring that the base has a moderate slant serving as a drain system due to the rare monsoon rainwater that drips off her adobe-style home in Arizona. Using a water-proofing medium provided a sealant allowing these pieces to survive not only the water, but the extreme 100 degrees Fahrenheit temperatures that are often a daily occurrence in the summer. These are not only decorative but extremely functional. Other items she made based off of the book are also incredible and useful. Definitely a great purchase for DIY projects!

I was looking for a book to teach me how to make hypertufa pots for the garden. This book not only does that, but it has all sorts of projects made out of concrete. It contains several different concrete "recipes" for making these projects. There are about 25 projects in the book, with complete step-by-step instructions. There are lots of full-color pictures, which I think is essential for a good crafts book. In addition to the projects, there are many photos of works by other artists which is great if you're looking for inspiration. The author has even included their website addresses at the back of the book.

I really enjoyed this book. It is detailed and the projects are vastly different from one another. What I also appreciated is the emphasis on doing things right, such as waiting for the concrete to set for 24 days is an example on an item. More emphasis on the internal structure using wire, rebar, etc. I would highly recommend this book and I am anxious to put into use what it taught me.

The author is very thorough on this subject and provides extensive descriptions of concrete

ornament projects and concrete mixes. The only frustration I had was that in most examples a picture of the completed project was not included until the final chapter. It would have been more helpful after the description of 'how to' make the project. I think most would find this book extremely helpful by taking you from start to finished project.

I have searched the web, researched via Youtube and taken classes. This book is no doubt the best manual if you are interested in making items using cement. The recipe pages were especially helpful. Equally good for the novice and the experienced craftsman.

Great book. This is the second book by Sheri Hunter I've purchased. I'm a concrete repair contractor, and find a lot of her information practical and useful in my business. Very helpful for sculpture too!

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