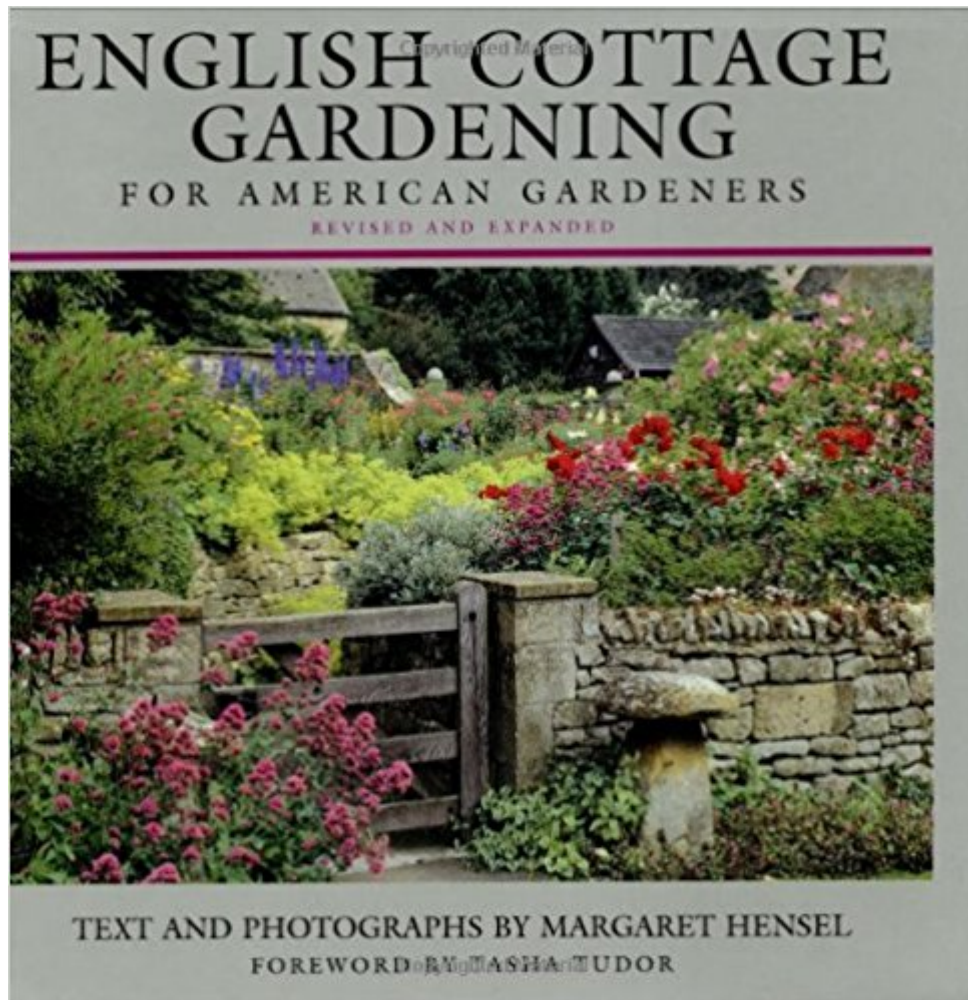




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# **English Cottage Gardening: For American Gardeners, Revised Edition**



## Synopsis

Thanks to the extraordinary photographs and gardening wisdom in this classic book, the elegant intimacy of the English cottage garden is a practical possibility for amateur gardeners in diverse regions of the United States. The author has analyzed the aesthetic and horticultural elements in ten representative cottage gardens—eight in England and two in the United States. Her spectacular photographs render the look and atmosphere of these gardens, while her text focuses on easily grown, readily available plants that are adaptable to a wide variety of climatic and soil conditions. In the back of the book—completely updated for this new edition—may be found specific horticultural information on a wide variety of cottage garden plants commonly available in the United States, glossaries of Latin and common names, and a list of sources for old rose varieties. The gardens in this beautiful book are not those of the great estates of England, manicured by staffs of professional gardeners. They are, instead, labors of love on the part of individual homeowners, many of whom started with bleak, rubble-strewn lots and went on to create the enchanted settings pictured here.

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The eclectic sprawl of perennials, roses, shrubs, and vines that is the essence of the English cottage garden is a look much sought after by many American gardeners. Hensel, a photographer and contributor to *Horticulture* magazine, presents ten of these romantic and intimate gardens, eight found in Britain and two in the United States. The text combines personal stories of reshaping landscapes with more specific information on individual plants and plant combinations. Each

chapter is complemented by lush color photographs and a bird's-eye sketch of the property. Source lists for roses, perennials, and bulbs are followed by cultural information on 75 cottage perennials, including the essential trio of hardy geraniums, lady's mantle, and catmint. That it is not necessary to "know a potato from a peony" to establish a cottage garden can be debated. But many garden enthusiasts will be inspired by the seemingly unplanned profusion of lupines, lavender, phlox, and hollyhocks found in these pages. Recommended for larger gardening collections.- Virginia A. Henrichs, Chicago Botanic Garden Lib., Glencoe, Ill. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

English Cottage Gardening for American Gardeners is an excellent primer. Hensel explains what constitutes the look and how to achieve it, and offers heartening accounts of people starting from scratch. -- House Beautiful Magazine Margaret Hensel is a garden designer. She suggest plant combinations and groupings, how to place certain plants to gain the most impact and the importance of foliage texture and form. She points out design principles such as proportions of mass and height in relation to the size of the borders; the importance of creating vistas. The final section of this book is very useful. It describes 76 selected cottagey plants, with their cultural needs and how to place them in the garden The author states, "It is my hope that readers of this book will feel moved, even inspired, to imagine what magical things might happen in their own front and backyards". There is no doubt about it: she has achieved her aims. -- The Cottage Gardener - The Journal of the English Cottage Garden Society With [this] inspirational pattern book at hand, American gardeners at all levels of expertise can convincingly re-create the enchanting English cottage gardens in their own backyards. -- Horticulture

Received in excellent condition d/t good packaging. Beautiful, clear, colorful pictures and thorough descriptions of all the flowers, especially in Tasha Tudor's gardens, makes one close their eyes and transplant the beauty to one's own landscape. The forward written by Tasha Tudor evokes a desire to plant many of the favorites pictured within. The diversity of the landscapes shows one it is possible to achieve color and beauty, even in wooded landscapes. Mulu

If you like this style of gardening you can NOT go wrong with this book. It is just jammed full of information and wonderful photos. It also has contacts for supplies, although as the book is not a recent print I can't be sure how available those sources still are. If you want to just look at a great book and enjoy, it's a great book. If you want to create a garden that has this look you can do it with

this book. I sat down with the book and my gardening catalogues and am excited about putting some "English Cottage" in my gardens.

Finally, an exceptional photographer who knows garden plants as well as photography. I have bought many gardening books over the years for reference, but this is the first gardening book I've read cover to cover, and I'm sure it will stay in my collection for years to come. A joy to read, and a joy to look at.

Very authentic and vivid illustrations helped identify true Cottage principles. Something for everyone.

I LOVE this book. Wonderful pictures, text and plans. I have acquired so much knowledge from this book. I first checked it out from our local Library, after pouring over it and re-newing it, I decided just to buy it. I am very happy that I did so. Lots of information and the pictures alone of the charming "cottages", make it worth purchasing. You can't go wrong..

I love turning the pages of this book. I have an English garden that is still a work in progress (aren't gardens ALWAYS a work in progress?). This book provides me with endless ideas.

IT WAS A GIFT FOR MY WIFE SHE LOVED IT!!!

Could have been a very nice book but the photo finishes were dull, making the book look cheap.

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