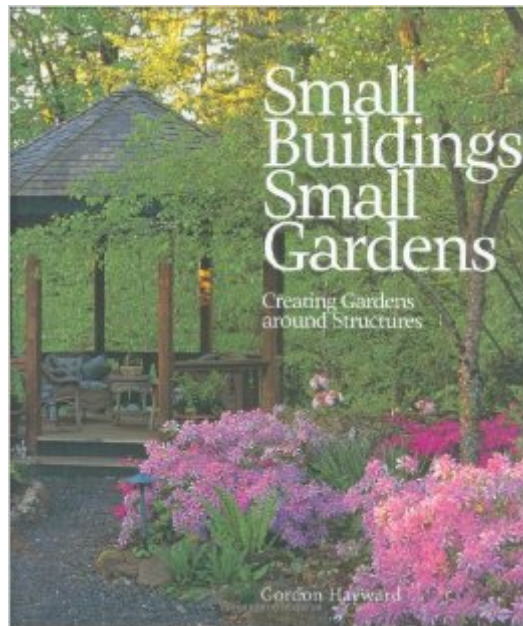


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# Small Buildings, Small Gardens: Creating Gardens Around Structures



## Synopsis

**Small Buildings, Small Gardens Creating Gardens Around Structures** Gordon Hayward  
Illustrations by Peter Joel Harrison In his eighth book on practical garden design, renowned gardener Gordon Hayward explores the idea that existing or newly built structures in a garden—sheds, pergolas, fences, arbors, gazebos, pools, and so on—can be used to answer most questions about how to develop an engaging and user-friendly garden plan. Important tips: A small structure such as a shed suggests the dimensions, style, line and purpose of the garden adjacent to it. Gazebos, arbors and other open structures frame garden views. Fences, pergolas and walls provide structure, background, edges and places for people to sit, have a meal or gather. Gates and breaks in walls and fencing create thresholds, points of entry and transitions from one garden area to the next. Trellises and other vertical built structures attached to the sides of buildings provide places for vines or espaliers. Gordon Hayward is the author of several books, including *The Welcoming Garden*, *The Intimate Garden: Twenty Years and Four Seasons in Our Garden*, *Garden Paths: Inspiring Designs and Practical Projects*, and *Your House, Your Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Garden Design*, as well as a variety of articles for *Horticulture Magazine*. He lives in Westminister West, Vermont. "Hayward has shown himself to be not only a talented landscape designer but also a gifted teacher." -*Publishers Weekly* "Gordon Hayward shows you how to get beyond lawn and standard shrubs . . ." -*Chicago Tribune*

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I borrowed this book from our library and wow, what a great read! Not only are the photographs beautiful, the text actually says something! So many garden books have great photographs but limited or no text of meaning. Mr. Hayward does an excellent job of guiding the reader through this book. There are 11 chapters, each approximately 8-12 pages, covering a major type of garden "building" such as: Arbors, Decks, Gazeboes, Sheds, Pergolas, Playhouses, Fences and Gates, Trellises and Bridges. One of my favorite features is a small box in each chapter entitled "Where to Site a \_\_\_\_" (Garden Shed, Pergola, etc.). The example of a rowboat turned into a garden shed illustrates the whimsy that can be found in some of Hayward's suggestions. It's obvious that he has fun in his garden, and this attitude carries over into this book. Put your feet up, sit back and enjoy!

I enjoy looking through this book for inspiration and I would recommend it for any landscape collection in any library - I wish my copy was "like new" as advertised but once in a while a poor vendor slips by even. My copy was really damaged but worth the effort and expense to repair because of the quality of content. The provider was Backpack Books - "you can send it back at your own expense but we won't guarantee we'll receive it." ????? good book, rare bad experience.

I expected this book to help me with ideas for my normal-to-small sized yard. Contrary to the title, practically every idea in there is for a garden up to an acre or more in size, with long shot pictures from a distance. I wanted cozy and practical ideas for my own patio, but this is really just a lot of pretty pictures of much larger spaces.

If you are thinking of updating or expanding your landscaping, do yourself a favor and check out this book. I learned more about landscape philosophy and design from *Small Buildings, Small Gardens* than I did from college horticulture classes and the UC Davis Master Gardener's Program. The ideas presented here are easy to understand, make sense, and are applicable to all we do in our yards and gardens, whether or not we have small buildings. If you are thinking of adding any small buildings, arbors, trellises, or other garden structures - you will find tons of tips on placement and design. These tips could make the difference between ho-hum and spectacular. Author, Gordon Hayward, trains your eye - through easy to understand text and the inclusion of pictures that are worth a thousand words. The very best designs are not the result of spending more money; but rather the result of developing a careful level of observation. *Small Buildings, Small Gardens - Creating Gardens around Structures*, by Gordon Hayward, published by Gibbs Smith, 2007, ISBN 978-1-58685-705-9[...][...][...]

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