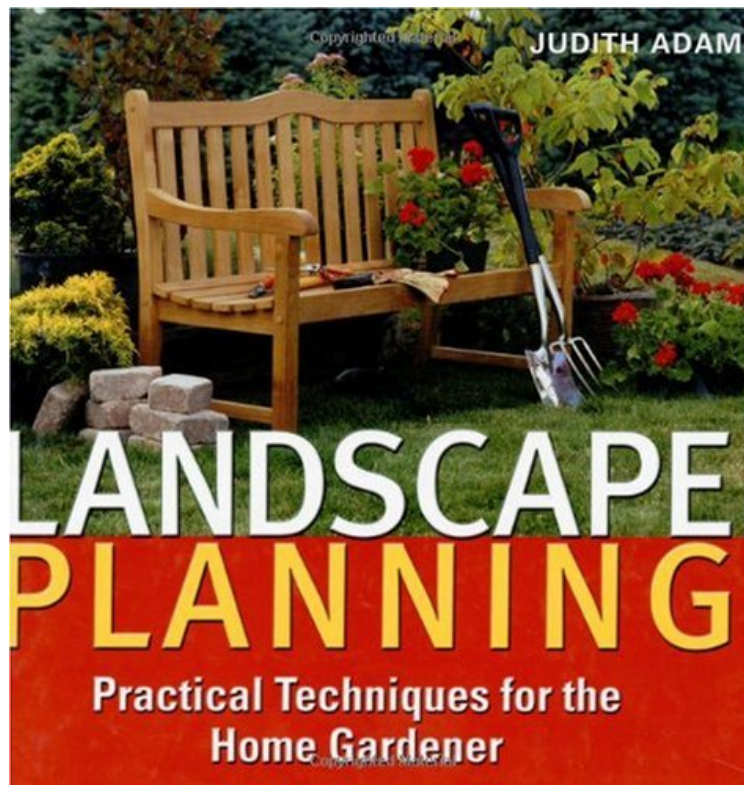


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This book takes the guesswork out of planning any landscaping project. Landscaping a property can be an overwhelming task. How much will it cost? How long will it take? What plants will grow best in a particular location? Is it a do-it-yourself or a professional job? Landscape designer and horticulturalist Judith Adam provides every crucial step in designing and implementing a landscape plan: from assessing specific needs and planning a budget and timeline, to making the best choices for a successful garden. From her years of experience, Adam describes 200 of her

favorite plants, shrubs and trees. This revised edition includes a new chapter on low-maintenance and self-reliant gardening that helps the home gardener get the most out of the space with the least amount of work. This new edition of Landscape Planning includes: 25 fully illustrated step-by-step projects 27 fully illustrated Ten Best lists, such as ten best drought-resistant shrubs; ten best plants for autumn display A property assessment survey, budget questionnaire and sample four-year plan Hardscaping: ideas for steps, sidewalks, fences and lighting Softscaping: working with plants, shrubs, trees and lawns Techniques for planting, irrigating and fertilizing plants and controlling pests A list of tools that every gardener needs Plans for a low-maintenance garden -- and much more. This comprehensive guide is a must-have for homeowners and avid gardeners alike.

From Library Journal Horticulturist and landscape designer Adam (New City Gardener), who frequently appears on HGTV and the Discovery Channel, offers a comprehensive treatment of landscaping for the home gardener, beginning with an objective assessment of the property and prioritizing a list of improvements. A four-year plan allows the landscaping to proceed as time and budget allow. Both hard landscaping (paths, walls, patios, water features, irrigation, and lighting) and soft landscaping (trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, perennials, annuals, and ground covers) are clearly described. Adam pays attention to installing and caring for plants, and she offers 22 "ten best" plant lists for various situations, such as the ten best filtered shade trees (giving both Latin and common names). Other lists describe the ten steps to a better lawn or the ten essential gardening tools. Step-by-step directions are provided for projects such as installing a pond, path, or mowing strip. This exhaustive treatment is comparable to Rita Buchanan's Taylor's Master Guide to Landscaping and could serve as a textbook for a landscaping class. Recommended for all gardening collections. Nancy Myers, Univ. of South Dakota Lib., Vermillion Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Practical is right! Adam covers all the bases in an exceptionally detailed guide to the mechanics of planning and executing every conceivable type of home landscape feature. Whereas countless books explain landscape design (which plant combinations are appropriate for an English country garden look, for instance), Adam does the home gardener a tremendous service with straightforward and user-friendly instructions on every conceivable point to consider before any landscape design can be developed or implemented. Clearly, logically, she breaks down various landscape processes into their most elemental forms: ten points of property assessment, how to measure levels of grade, how drainage tiles work. After mastering the basics, Adam thoughtfully provides essential information to help home gardeners bring their best-laid plans to fruition: how to shop for plants; top 10 lawn-care tips; the 10 best trees for seasonal color. For home gardeners just beginning the landscape process, or for seasoned veterans contemplating a new project, Adam demystifies even the most daunting tasks in a superlative how-to that virtually guarantees success. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Adam includes practical advice that applies to us mere gardeners, as well as landscapers... I enjoyed the sense of humor Adam employs throughout the book.... The market is saturated with landscape planning books. Still, this one is a very useful book for the practical advice it imparts. 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