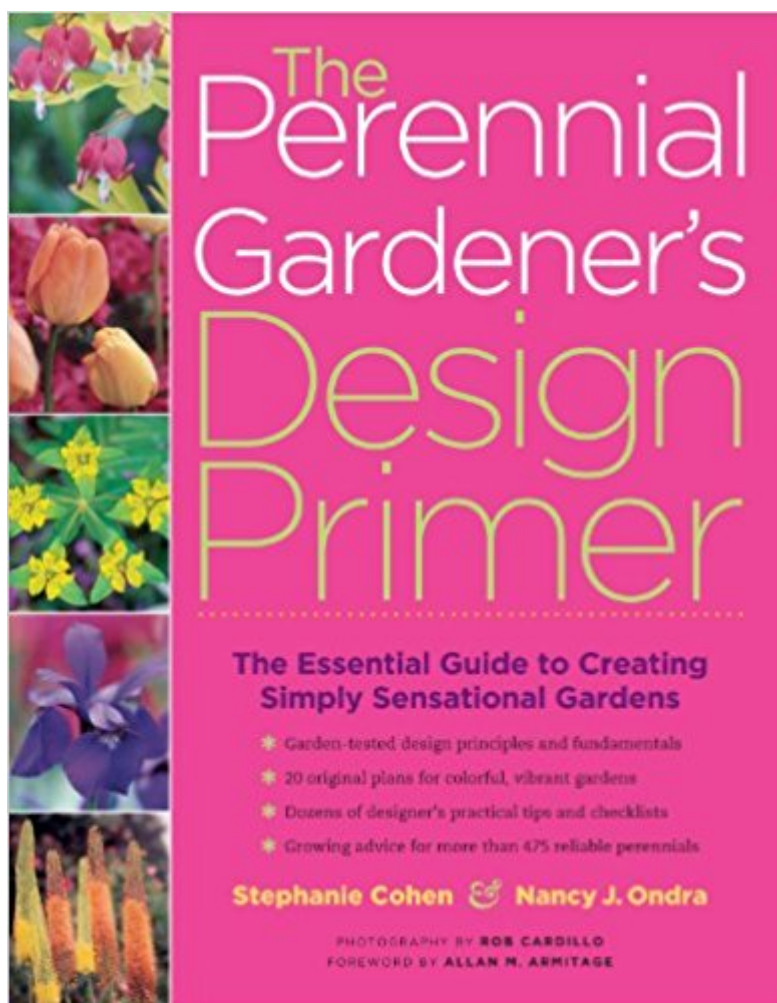


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# The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer



## Synopsis

Turn your outdoor landscape into a rich, living canvas of color and texture. Encouraging experimentation, Stephanie Cohen and Nancy J. Ondra show you how to plan a garden that incorporates unique combinations of plants to achieve stunning effects. With an overview of garden design fundamentals and 20 sample garden plans, Cohen and Ondra will inspire you to play with creative juxtapositions of vibrant hues and subtle textures. Let your imagination run wild as you create your own unique and original garden designs.

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## Customer Reviews

Garden design is less rule-bound than it once was, but many novices approach it with trepidation. By bringing a refreshingly relaxed attitude to a well-worn topic, Cohen and Ondra give it friendly appeal. Both are professional designers and private enthusiasts who believe "you don't really know a plant until you've killed it." Readers who follow their ample, practical advice are much more likely to create beautiful gardens than to kill many plants, and even experienced gardeners will pick up some tips. First, the authors "demystify" perennial design, explaining how to approach a project, choose plants, plan the design and add details for extra appeal. They then explain how to "put perennials to work," focusing on specific designs and including handsome color sketches, schematic plans and lush photographs. Each of their designs accomplishes a goal—solving a problem with site conditions (e.g., excessive shade or sun), achieving a desired color effect, maximizing seasonal impact—and comes with a detailed list of recommended plants and

alternate selections. Finally, in the "From Theory to Practice" section, they document the two-year histories of a new border, a major expansion and a garden renovation. The conversational text and photographs comparing early plantings with second-year results are great confidence builders for neophytes. Helpful appendixes include a zone map, a comprehensive plant list in an easy-to-use chart format and a reading list. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Just when it seems there couldn't possibly be anything original to say on the subject of perennial-garden design, along come two authors with a breezy style, down-to-earth advice, and a refreshingly open approach to prove you wrong. Cohen and Ondra bring their lifelong personal and professional passion to the creation of a design manual that tells both the novice and experienced gardener what to do, what to use, and just about anything else one would need to know to create vivid designs. Presented in a conversational, understandable manner, the authors' liberal use of puns, quips, and catchy phrases also makes the book a joy to read. Especially helpful are 20 original, plant-by-numbers designs addressing a variety of garden challenges; and thoughtful information about garden renovation will be savored by new homeowners who have inherited someone else's mistakes, or established gardeners weary of their current landscaping. Plant charts, reading lists, and detailed descriptions of more than 475 perennials round out this welcome addition to any garden library. Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have met the author at a lecture she gave and have visited her personal garden. She has a very practical, yet informative approach to design. You do not have to afford a professional landscaper to use a lot of her suggestions. I recently used one of her plans to create an adapted cottage- four square garden. Love her tip to use golf tees to mark where you plant your bulbs.

This book is great for both beginners and experienced gardeners. I've gotten several ideas from this book and love the plans that are provided. I would recommend this book for people of all levels and years of experience in the garden.

Great for a beginner that has made many mistakes in achieving a desirable backyard. This book has provided me with the advice that I've lacked by not having a gardening mentor. Highly recommended.

If you want to plant a flower garden, this is a great how-to. It gives you plenty of suggestions and "jumping off" points which giving you the knowledge and confidence that you can put together your own plans/ideas and not just feel like you have to copy a set plan exactly if order for it to look decent. I bought 4 garden books after looking at about 25, and this is still my favorite.

Lots of very useful information!! I could hardly put this down!

This book provides the perfect guidance for a new perennial gardener. The material is well organized. The design plans are usable. The book empowers the reader to get to work in their garden.

Nice textbook perfect condition Thank You!

The book arrived in the condition as advertised. The book is a delight to read and very informative. Very satisfied with this purchase.

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