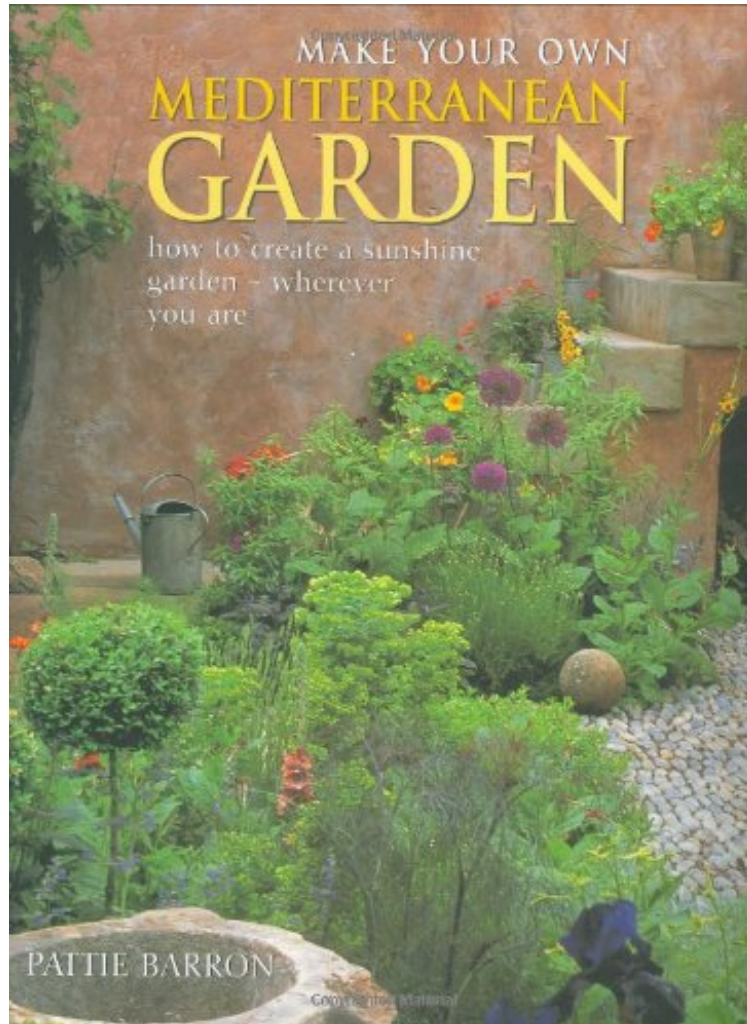


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Whether you are cultivating a dry, sunny southern slope, or a flat, damp northern plot you can create a garden full of Mediterranean style and sizzling color.

With today's global warming gardeners are finding it harder and harder to continue with the English country garden tradition and are discovering new ways of planting. This timely book is about a most viable alternative - Mediterranean gardening. Anyone who has visited the continent will have noticed the colourful groundcover so proliferate around the coastal regions and smelt the aromatic maquis so endemic to the area. It is a scent and sight instantly recognisable and believe it or not, eminently suitable to our climate. Author Pattie Barron has made two Mediterranean gardens so far in her gardening career - one in the ideal situation of a southerly-facing terrace but the second in harsher conditions - flat and with a northerly aspect. Still learning but obviously very experienced, she divulges her secrets of success from soil preparation, mulching, plant selection and aftercare. Being drought-tolerant the main care needed is over winter when our climate turns wet and cold but using a decorative mulch of stones or gravel will assist and ensure that the plants survive to prosper for another year. Whether you prefer the delicate greys, pinks and lilacs of yuccas, lavenders and cistus or the more vibrant nerium oleanders, anagallis and papavers, the range of Mediterranean plants is huge and sure to suit every gardening taste. In addition to plant choice the book includes inspirational ideas for garden decorations such as mosaic tables, painted pots and shell grottoes for you to add that definitive Mediterranean touch. This is a superbly illustrated and well-written book full of ideas for existing or prospective drought-tolerant gardeners, no matter their location or soil type. - Lucy Watson

About the Author  
Pattie Barron is a journalist who discovered the joys of gardening several years ago and now writes about plants and gardens full-time. She has a regular column in the London evening Standard Homes and Property section, and writes for magazines such as House and Garden, Woman and Home and Country Living. Pattie's back garden and conservatory are her experimental playgrounds, moving a few years ago to a larger plot so she could have more space in indulge her love for Mediterranean plants. Simon McBride is a very well-known landscape and garden photographer. He has lived and worked in Italy for many years and has published many of his own titles on the Italian landscape.