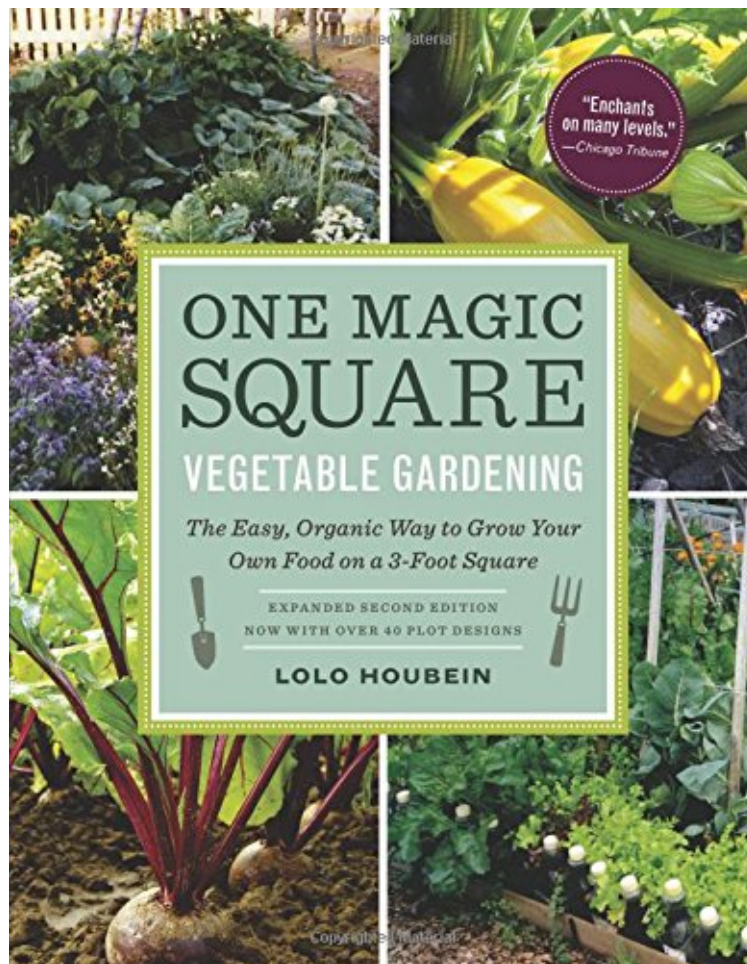


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Lolo Houbein : One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening: The Easy, Organic Way to Grow Your Own Food on a 3-Foot Square before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening: The Easy, Organic Way to Grow Your Own Food on a 3-Foot Square:

24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. You might not need another book about gardening againBy RachelYou could probably use this book to garden for the next 10 years and not experience everything that she proposes. The instructions are easy, the index of fruits/veggies/trees in the back is indispensible, and the colored pictures are timely. Yes, the theme is of a magic square, but before you know it you'll have 4 or more going, without that much effort. I'm using this book to plan my garden in Bavaria and can't wait to companion plant some rosemary

with our pear tree, or see the mustard plant take off. She relies heavily on Blood Bone and manure as fertilizers, and considering I own a Mini Cooper, that doesn't sound easy to acquire, so I'll probably just try it with some compost this year and see how the plants take to that. Warning, the book is written from an Australian perspective, so when she says "north," you know she means "south" for the southern hemisphere. Also, she can plant through winter, and the weather where we are is below freezing for about 4 months out of the year. If you've gardened a little bit before and want to take things to the next level, this is for you. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Love, Love, Love this incredibly helpful gardening book! By H. Malmsio I just adore this book! I bought six new gardening books to add to my existing library, because the garden and weather conditions up here in "the bush" are just so different from the lush Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne, that my green thumb had disappeared, and I hoped to get some information on how I could stay an organic gardener in all conditions, with better crop success. This book has all your gardening answers. It is step by step instructions for planting everything - including combo veg/herb beds in 1 meter/3ft plots, it also has an a-z plant reference, it features seasonal planting maps and plans, it has tips for composting, crop rotation planting cycles, natural bug disease remedy/prevention, everything you didn't know about no-fuss composting and tons and tons of brilliant ways to recycle everything you throw away - to use in the garden instead!!! So I now have a couple of new raised garden beds, and using cooling/retaining bed bottles filled with water, recycling everything, umbrellas and all sorts of super smart gardening ideas for hot house and shade areas... on and on, and my whole garden is thriving as a result of using the tips in this book. For my new vege patches I have planted two different combos of "salad squares" and one "Pasta/Pizza plot" and they will be growing crops rotated for each season of the year to be productive all year round, and have used all the ideas for safely planting fruit trees, and for reviving and protecting my existing garden plants and trees. Manures of all kinds now rule in my garden - lol! I'm even about to create a super simple worm farm behind the shed to breed even more of my lovely worms from a recycled laundry trough, and have two compost heaps on the go... and the idea for creating a cheap 'turning compost' bin system with the laundry baskets is a gem. Cannot recommend this book highly enough - it will keep you fascinated for years to come, and even the most experienced gardener will find helpful new tips and ideas in this manual. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Love this book By Fly By Night Love this book. It's a really nice approach to gardening. I like that she's not fussy. If something doesn't work, oh, well, it's only plants. You can start over again. She's got great ideas about fitting plants into small spaces and clever reuse of bottles and toilet paper rolls and other things. Very green and relaxed and full of tips and information. I wish I had more time to follow all of her advice. Great book for the beginner. Not intimidating.

All it takes to grow your own organic vegetables, fruits, and herbs is One Magic Square Lolo Houbein has 40 years worth of gardening wisdom to share on how to coax an abundance of organic food from a plot that is just 3 feet square! Sustainable, cost-effective, and creative techniques: how to compost, save water, troubleshoot weeds and pests, create a plant-friendly microclimate, and more. Over 40 themed plot designs, from antioxidant-rich and anti-cancer plots to salad, pizza, pasta, and stir-fry plots. Encyclopedic information about every crop in every plot. Tips on drying, freezing, pickling, and other ways to get more value and enjoyment from your homegrown produce. And her irresistible gardening philosophy (If herbs wanted to be used frugally, they would also grow frugally. But they don't!) Ever encouraging, often charming, and always practical, this expanded second edition of One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening will help first-time gardeners get started and help veteran gardeners get results on a small, easy-to-maintain plot. No actual magic is required!

From Publishers Weekly Australian gardener Houbein has a personal and intimate understanding of food security, having survived famine during the Nazi occupation in Holland. In this charming but meandering book, she warns of the dangers of globalized, corporate agribusiness and aims to put you in control of the production of at least part of the food you need. She claims that one square yard of garden will provide a 10th of a person's food needs and encourages everyone to start a magic square or two. The book provides basic gardening information and a wide variety of square-yard vegetable garden plans, from salad plots to curry and anticancer plots, with sections on fruit trees and chickens thrown in, but this is as much a compilation of Houbein's gardening life as a straightforward step-by-step how-to manual. Like an eccentric but wise great aunt, it turns whimsically practical (apart from spreading shredded bracken on beds to decay, use ferns as parasols for seedlings) and confusingly questionable (At this point in time, vast stretches of land are being poisoned by carbon dioxide smoke from brush and forest fires), Houbein offers much valuable advice, but the presentation is so disorganized that novice gardeners looking for a clear and simple way to get started may be flummoxed. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. One of s Best Books of the Month in Crafts, Hobbies Home 2016 Foreword INDIES Honorable Mention Enchants on many levels. Chicago Tribune The thirty Magic Square garden plots offer plenty of ideas, from a simple garden salad with a variety of lettuces, to gardens for soup, stir fry, root crops, and more. San Francisco Chronicle [Houbein is] brilliantly contemporary in organizing each of her 40-plus model gardens into a number of practical culinary groupings. The clever gardener . . . could make this book work anywhere. Booklist So many gardening books feature plants mile-long Latin names and confusing charts. Not this one. Its easy-to-follow instructions, diagrams, and photos

inspire desire to grow good-for-the-body fresh produce from little yard space. A bonus: some delicious serving suggestions. One Magic Square tells you everything you need to get started and profiles each plant. The Virginian-Pilot