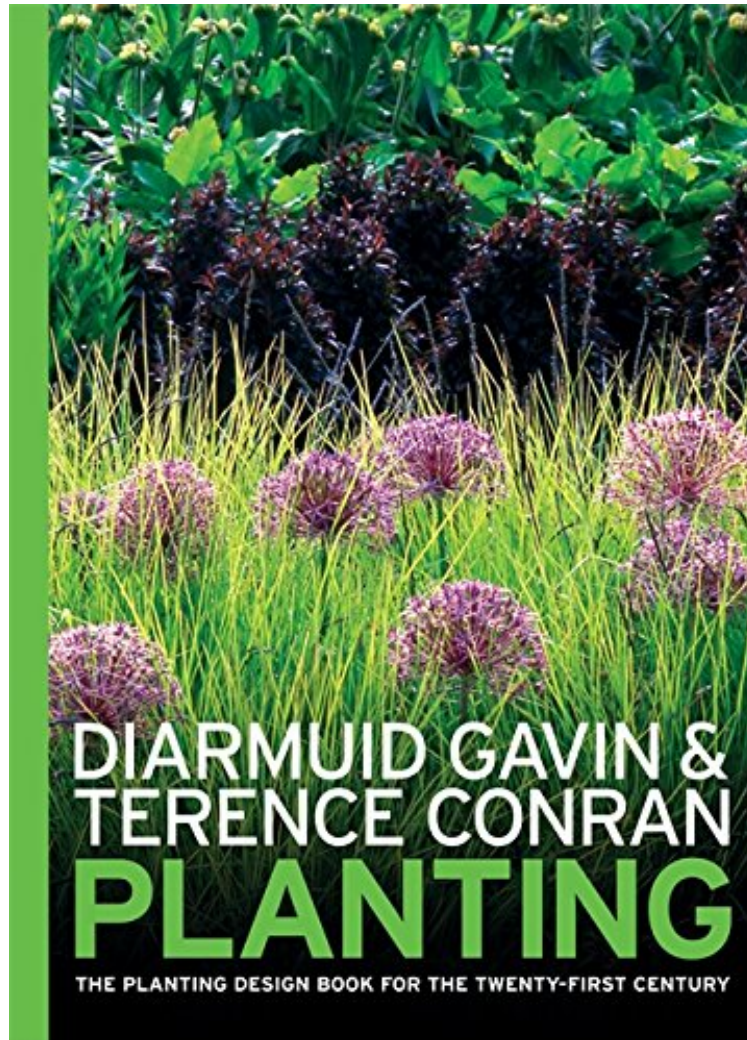


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Owen WatersA great book delivered in excellent condition at a good price1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Elegant, beautiful, and deceptively simple.By David AkiyamaThose familiar with planting design, know quality has a tendency to evoke simplicity; however, this is not an introductory text, this is not a step by step, how-to lesson, or something for the DIY crowd. This book does assume some familiarity with the authors' previous works, and this is frequently demonstrated within these pages. Purpose, Structure, Color, Season, Styles, and Conditions are titles of specific chapters, and they strive to

examine what constitutes successful planting design. There are also Case Studies which further examine these matters; these Studies include detailed plans, and more thorough examination. In total, these topics do more to explain the "why" part of planting design, not the "how to," so those looking for quick, easy, straight-forward lessons will be disappointed or frustrated. The authors are masters of their crafts, and this book is an invaluable insight as to both why that is, and what constitutes excellence in planting design. In short, there is a theory, a methodology behind planting design, and it takes more than an eye for aesthetics to successfully execute. Honestly, this book is probably better suited for the professional set - Landscape Architects - than it is for the casual gardener or would-be DIY savant. The photography is excellent and well-suited for the large format of this book. It is also absolutely necessary to convey the totality of what is being explained in the text. Remember those chapters; Purpose, Structure, Color, and Condition, as well as texture, scale, and context. This is more than just a pretty picture book, but getting the most out of this book takes more than an average understanding of planting design. And this is certainly not a typical gardening book. Finally, the Practical Chapter at the end, is likely not meant as entry-level substance. It is too brief to be something other than a review of the basics; the fundamentals one should have command of, prior to mastering the lessons within this text. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The title misrepresents the contents

By Lynnsey
This book is a disappointment - the contents do not deliver on the title. "Planting: The Planting Design Book for the 21st Century"; from this I expected a book about planting design (what else?), and also that as a specialist title the content would be somewhat less basic than your typical garden book. Unfortunately this is really a general purpose garden design book. It includes some design-related content but also covers all kinds of topics only peripherally related to planting design. The information is also pretty basic. I already have enough general purpose books and didn't need to spend a considerable amount on another. Unfortunately, I now also wonder whether the authors are re-purposing the same content in order to sell more books, because this content is pretty generic. Hard landscaping, tree-houses, soil types, tools equipment, propagation, pruning and the like - this is not planting design. I'm quite sure that someone looking for a planting design book already knows that "you can buy a soil test kit from most garden centres", that plants draw nutrients from the soil, that mulching is a good idea. Another pearl of wisdom: lawn equipment is only needed if you have, um, lawn. Some other minor gripes - references to content that I couldn't find (i.e. for information on this topic go to page X, but no such info appears on that page). The index was not as comprehensive as it should have been. The "conversation" between the two authors I also found a bit pointless, and I have seen this comment in reviews about their other books. All that said, there are some lovely photos of gorgeous gardens, and some nice ideas such as creating a willow tunnel in a children's garden. If you're looking for a general purpose book, this one is good, but not the best, and certainly not at the price. Conran's "Essential Garden Book" is a better buy, but shop around. For a planting design book, try something else. I haven't found it yet.

Following on from their hugely successful first book, *Outdoors*, Diarmuid Gavin and Terence Conran collaborate once again to create *PLANTING*, a stunning and imaginative resource of planting schemes that work for almost any garden space.

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Terence Conran is widely recognized as one of the world's great designers and restaurateurs. In 1964 he founded the chain of Habitat stores in a bid to bring good, affordable modern design to the general public, and later he also established Conran Partners, an architecture and design practice renowned for its intelligent modern design solutions. He has designed medal-winning gardens and has written several gardening books. .