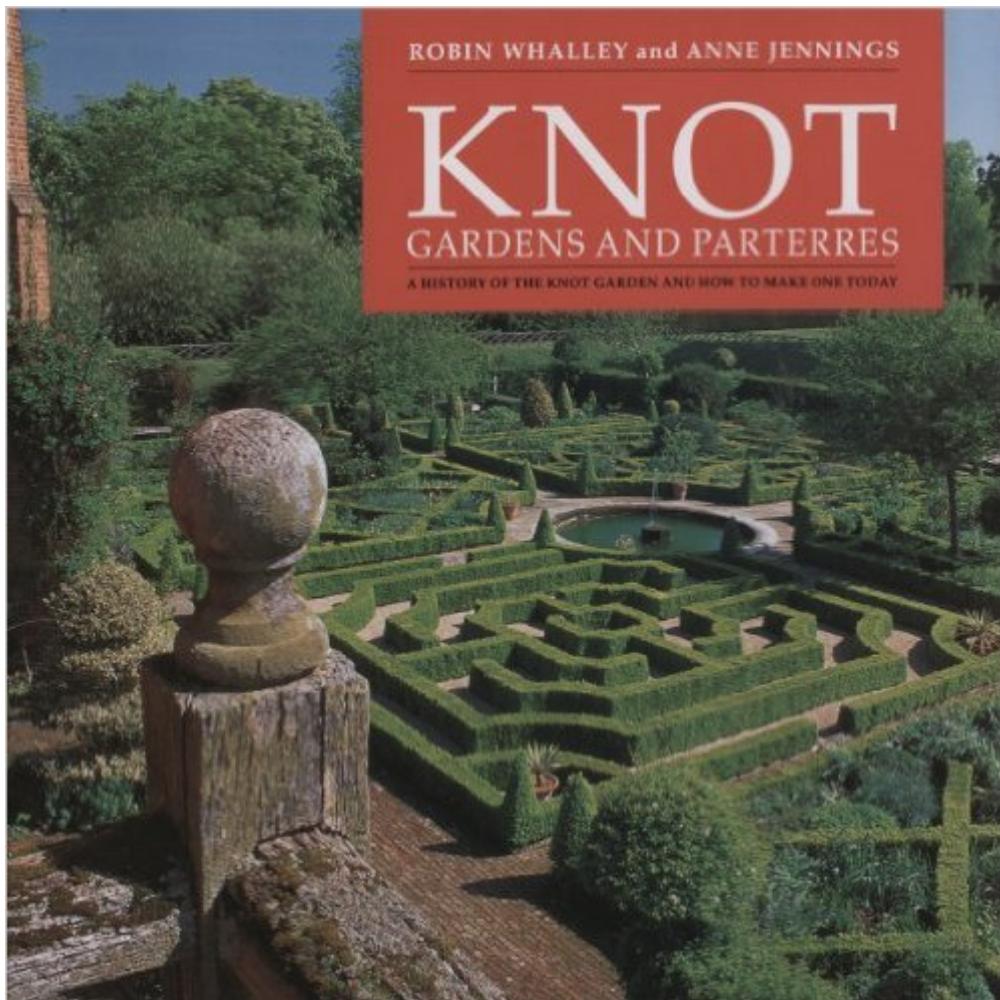


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Knot Gardens And Parterres



Synopsis

This work on knot gardens and parterres is written in two parts. The first unravels the tangled story of the knot garden as it transforms itself from the curious knot of Tudor times into the great embroidered layouts of the 17th century. The English landscape all but obliterated formal patterns but they emerge again with the flamboyance of the Victorian parterre. Here, fully illustrated, is the alternative history of British gardening; a story that embraces all the decorative arts. At last it is possible to see how the designs used in weaving, embroidery, carpentry, glazing and plasterwork appear again and again mirrored in the garden.

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The knot garden, or parterre, can be eye catching, brashly exuberant, romantically nostalgic, or quietly simple and chic. The appeal of the knot garden is timeless and with space often at a premium, a knot garden provides a tremendously attractive design solution. Knot Gardens and Parterres is divided into two sections. The first unravels the history of this genre from Tudor times and its "curious knot" - to the famous historic patterns of the 17th Century designs for which certain "Sun Kings" are renowned, and beyond to the flamboyance of Queen Victoria's garden affectations. The second section confidently takes the reader through the design process, plant selection, and future care and maintenance. It is an exceptional book on the topic. I refer to it frequently. It has served as the inspiration behind several of my designs.

this is an absolutely wonderful book all about the 'old' art of Knot Gardening. You'll definitely want to read this book to find out all about the history of this fascinating form of gardening and how to create one in your own space! Great photographic examples fill the pages-a definite "must have" for any gardener!

I purchased this book several years ago and absolutely LOVED it! A friend borrowed it and now I can't remember which one borrowed it...so I'm purchasing another one for me and one for a dear friend for his Christmas present this year.

Compiled in one place is this informative book on Knot Gardens and Parterres. From pictures of gardens throughout Europe to a step-by-step walk-through of creating your own, including plant suggestions, this is a great tool for someone interested in installing Knot Gardens and Parterres, as well as a gorgeous coffee table book for those who just enjoy this form of expression in the garden.

What does this book have to do with Don Leavers and Lindsay Megarry? The editorial on this book refers to a book written by Stephanie Donaldson who chronicles the efforts of these two folks who, literally, "start from scratch" in a garden in Tuscany, and produce a masterpiece of knot gardening. "The real content of this book is the story of Don and Lindsay's determination to achieve the dream to which they aspired." is the quote from the editorial review and then it goes on into a history of knot gardens and how to create your own by Robin Whalley and Anne Jennings. I truly thought I was buying a book relating the experiences of Don Leavers and Lindsay Megarry, especially when the editorial referred to the book being written by Stephanie Donaldson and even relating that there were actual photos that were taken showing the progress made. Am I the only one fooled by what I thought I bought?

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