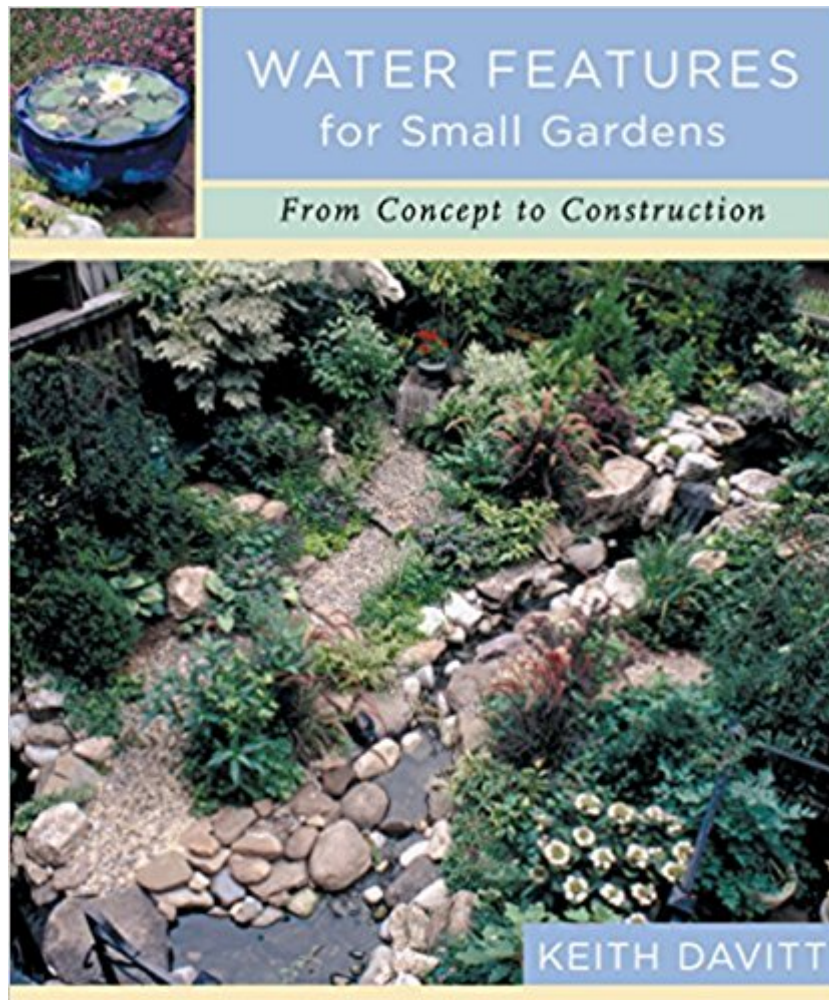




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Water Features For Small Gardens: From Concept To Construction



Synopsis

Celebrated designer Keith Davitt brings the delights of the water garden within reach of everyone in *Water Features for Small Gardens*. With a clear eye to design, construction, materials, and maintenance, Davitt offers alternatives for every style of garden and every budget. Detailed case studies depict actual gardens progressing from the planning stage to planting, and the author shows step by step how such features are created using only modest building skills. Types of water gardens discussed include: natural, formal, and informal pools; raised and in-ground formal fountains; wall fountains; streams and waterfalls; and bog and tub gardens. Heavily illustrated and packed with practical information, *Water Features for Small Gardens* is a must for any gardener seeking to bring his or her garden to the next level.

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Customer Reviews

"With a clear eye to design, construction, materials, and maintenance, Davitt offers creative alternatives for every style of garden and every budget." *—Country Almanac, 2006*

With a clear eye to design, construction, materials, and maintenance, celebrated designer Keith Davitt offers alternatives for every style of garden and every budget. Detailed case studies depict actual gardens progressing from the planning stage to planting, and the author shows step by step how such features are created using only modest building skills.

I was looking for a how-to book. Mr. Davitt's book has photos of his finished projects, but they were not taken to illustrate how to make a water feature; they were taken to illustrate a sales brochure to hire a landscape architect. But his projects are lovely and do expand one's sense of what is possible. His concepts about design would be improved with specifics about what make a "good design" or a "bad design" instead of saying "avoid bad design."

Appropriate for grander gardens and larger budgets, not really small ones. I meant to buy the nearly-same title by author Ethne Clarke, which is for smaller-scale designs and written in homelier style.

Water Features For Small Gardens is the ultimate how-to book for every type of water garden from tub gardens to raised fountains. Not only is it filled with beautiful after pictures, it has in-progress photos, construction details and technical drawings for each of the eight types of water gardens covered (with several examples of each), which anyone can use to build her own water garden. It also has chapters on pumps, filtration and water plants, explaining what to use, what quantities and why. The writing is clear, succinct and written with the obvious intent of guiding anyone through the entire process of creating any sort of water garden. It is probably not a book for professional builders doing large-scale construction but it is certainly the best of its kind I have found for the average homeowner.

This is a gorgeous book! The pictures (by the author) are luscious, the gardens are inspiring: it does the heart good just to look at them, even if you haven't got a garden, or have one but can't afford to remake it. He doesn't just rate his own gardens, he also commends other well-made water gardens, so the scope is wider than might be expected. The writing is clear, friendly, and concise. Even the book design is inviting and elegant. Very highly recommended for gardeners of all skill levels--and wistful nongardeners, too. I loved it!

Keith Davitt takes water features to the next (natural) level with careful scrutiny of stone shapes, colors, sizes, placement. With the same attention to detail, he has an uncanny feel for scale (how large to make the feature given the amount of space there is to work with). I really like the photos that demonstrate his points. The ponds and growth really look like they belong there. Great work!!

As with most books published by Timber Press the overall content and layout are above average. I

like the way photos are in sync with the text, and the reader carried through the design process in an economical discussion of salient points. The major downfall in the book, and it is major, appears in the authors credits for the landscape designs highlighted for discussion. In every instance the authors own designs are found in the category of the right way to design, as might be expected. But in a petty or mindlessly inadvertent way, he sees fit to credit all the examples he uses as bad design, not his, with the actual designers name. No matter how good a book, I would not purchase a work that degrades another's reputation.

Excellent book! I found a ton of great ideas to use on my new property. Well worth the price.

This was mostly a book discussing what not to do and naturalizing your water feature. This is not a good how-to type book.

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