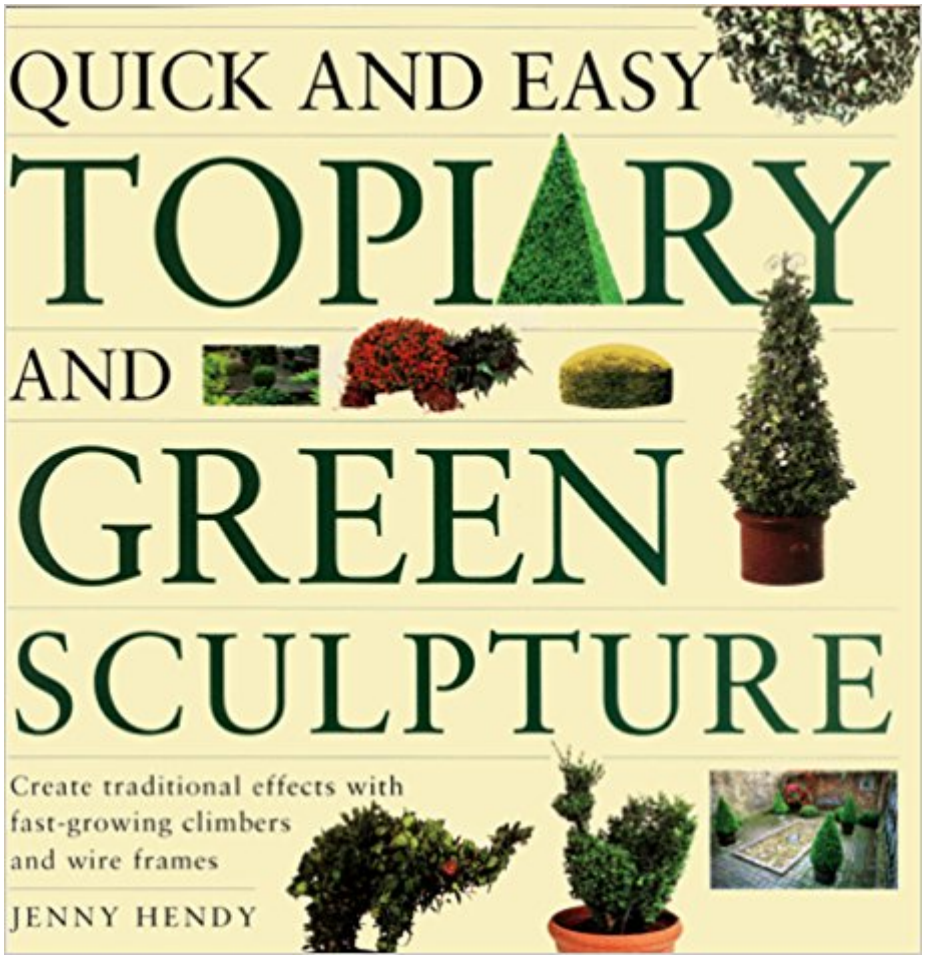
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Synopsis

Includes information on the best plants to use for topiary, each evaluated for its approximate growth rate, minimum temperature requirement, watering, and feeding needs.

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The design possibilities for topiary sculpture are virtually limitless--only the imagination and some basic skills are needed to produce fanciful, exotic, traditional, or wildly individual designs with living plants. This is the book that tells the beginner how to do it. Supplemented by information on appropriate plants, climate zones, international suppliers of plants, and the needed tools, Hendy's book provides the reader with information on how to train plants to grow on wire frames, create inventive wire frames in all manner of shapes and configurations, choose the appropriate tools and materials needed, and help produce stunning topiary designs in weeks, not months or years. It also offers sound advice on the care and maintenance of your living sculptures to keep them green and healthy for years. It is generously illustrated with more than 300 color photographs showing basic steps and techniques, as well as delightful finished products from gardens and homes around the world. --Mark A. Hetts

The ease of creating topiary is emphasized in Handy's basic guide to both tabletop varieties and large-scale sculptural forms for the garden, conservatory, or greenhouse. Beginning with step-by-step advice on how to fabricate wire frames, Handy starts small with a simple two-dimensional heart shape, then progresses to more complex forms, such as a three-dimensional peacock made of the common box shrub and a stately cyprus trained as a tall corkscrew ornament

for outdoors. Handy addresses problems that may occur and offers tips on general care for all types of topiary. Includes a portfolio of shapes and a directory of plants that notes temperature ranges, cultural requirements, flowering periods, characteristics, and training methods. Alice Joyce

If you are new to topiary this gives a lot of good ideas. I buy or make my topiary frame and follow the directions in the book. I would suggest using real peat moss as the base. Make sure to use compatible plants so watering is easier.

Bought this after looking on-line to get some good information on how to get started. The book I really wanted was out of stock so I opted for this one. It gives advice on types of plants to use and a general guide to creating frames but lacks any true direction in detail. I wish I would have waited and bought the one that was out of stock.

Nice book. I was looking for more info and patterns to make my own topiaries, but it well written and has nice, large color photos.

The title is accurate - this book is written for novices and is very good. It has a lot of photos and clear directions, with enough detail to figure out how it works. There is also a good plant reference in the back. For the price I was very pleased (bought it used).

Just an OK book

Good book. Wife uses it all the time. She has a green thumb. Her plants are beautiful. Buy one. She says it was helpful and informative.

I really enjoyed this book, it was amazingly good visually as well and the content was easy to understand. I would recommend it to everyone. I really enjoyed your book and it gave me lots of great tips!If you are a garden lover check out my web site: [...]p.s I hope you’re not to disappointed but give it time!

I found this book exciting and encouraging to a beginner in the wonderful world of topiary. The ideas cover a wide range of shapes and ideas offering ideas for a quick start as well as more complex projects. The instructions are clearly written and easy to follow. The book also includes discussion

on the preferable types of plants to use for the various shapes and designs presented. I continue to refer to this book often as I begin new projects.

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