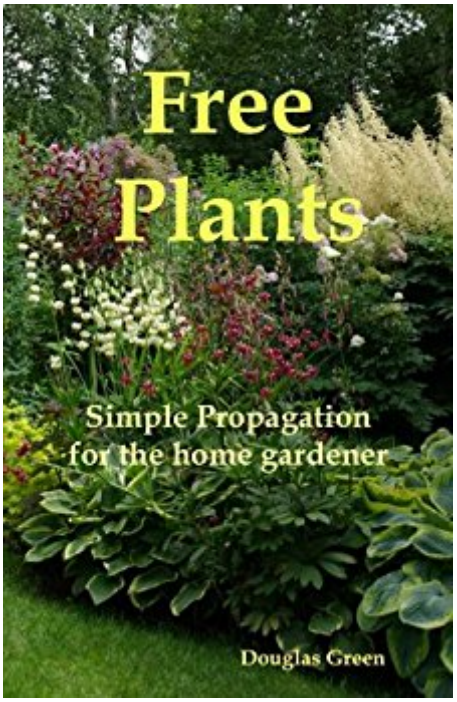
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Free Plants - Simple Propagation For The Home Gardener



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Synopsis

Want free plants for your garden? Retired nurseryman and award winning garden author Doug Green shows you the simple ways to propagate most common garden plants yourself. You can easily get more roses, clematis, shrubs, climbing vines and perennials with simple, low cost tools if you get some simple things right. Most people don’t focus on the things that matter (soil heat) and consequently fail when they try to propagate plants. Roses are seen as "hard" to do from cuttings but Green tells you exactly how to know when roses in your area are ready to propagate (it’s all in the thorns) Vines such as clematis are easy with this old-but-gold simple technique ignored by modern nurseries but a mainstay of historic nurseries and home gardeners. These are the tricks of the trade passed along by a master plantsman who used to propagate over 2000 varieties of perennials, vines and annuals in his nursery every year.

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Customer Reviews

You will save the cost of this little book with the first few plants you successfully propagate. Simply

written by a retired professional nurseryman it is full of knowledge, common sense tips, and tricks of the trade using inexpensive materials and items you probably already have or can make. In other words, no need to rush out and buy loads of expensive gizmos.Mr Green talks about the various types of cuttings, when and how to take them. He provides a list of plants which can be propagated from them. He discusses division giving a list of plants that can and should be renovated by division and equally as important, a list of plants that you should probably leave alone. He talks about growing trees, bulbs and perennials from seed.I think what I like best about the author is that he tells you WHY he does something a certain way and gives a timeline to success. While you may be able to get a specific 'free plant', for example daffodils from seed, knowing you will have to wait three years to see blooms might well inspire you to just go buy them.I have been growing plants from cuttings for years with varying degrees of success. To be honest, the cuttings I most want to succeed often die. After reading this book I know why they died and more importantly, how to do it the right way next time.I highly recommend this book.

Douglas has a very easy matter of fact way of explaining how to do the various propagation techniques outlined in this book. I feel confident in trying many of his techniques. Who doesn't want to double or triple your garden by separating or growing your existing plants. "Free Plants" thanks for the inspiration.

Did you know you can propagate and plant your yard from your neighbors plants?You should ask but digging through your neighbors trimmings can make your garden nicer than theirs.

This man is a genius! His website is fabulous too. No difficult chemist-type stuff that a normal person couldn't do, just regular stuff that works and we never thought of. Love him!

I must confess to not really expecting much from this tiny book , but I was pleasantly surprised by all of the useful information on propagation methods I have both tried and or avoided respectively! A little punctuation editing would make a few sentences easier to comprehend but all in all well worth the expense.

I wish the descriptions of what was being done had been clearer. I find the process of plant propagation fascinating so this book was of great interest to me. I do wish it had been proofed a little more carefully.

Easy reading, clear instructions, good book. I had read parts of this kind of thing on various internet blogs, but this is more complete, easy to follow, and handy to have all together in one book. I have it on my Kindle so it's very portable. I'll be using this book to attempt starting new plants from some of my perennials - hope that by spring I'll have good results.

A quick read that provides some useful wisdom. I see this as an opportunity to minimize mistakes I would make with pure trial and error approach. Now to start propagating...

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