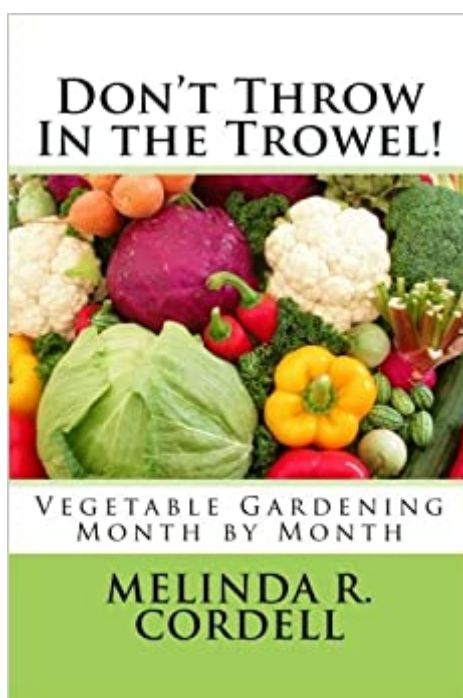




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Don't Throw In The Trowel!: Vegetable Gardening Month By Month (Easy-Growing Gardening Series) (Volume 1)



Synopsis

At last, help for home food gardeners. The simple, month-by-month layout of Don't Throw in the Trowel will help gardeners grow a bounty of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. Grow luscious tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, melons, and more, and enjoy all the fresh produce (and give the surplus to family and friends) that your garden grows using these easy tips. Don't Throw in the Trowel: A Month-by-Month Vegetable Gardening Guide is a fun read for every locavore who wants to cart tomatoes out of the garden by the wagonful. Even if you've never been a farmer or a gardener before, this vegetable gardening book covers everything you need to know to get started. Here you can find specific information about starting seeds, transplanting, mulching, organic fertilizers, dealing with pest and disease problems, compost, and of course, information about different vegetables and helpful advice on how to grow them. You can also find information about square foot gardening, beneficial insects (and insect pests), easy ways to keep weeds down, and ways to extend the growing season into the winter months using cold frames and floating row covers. What's more, the methods used in this book are those to save time (and save your poor back and joints). Gardening can hurt sometimes - as the author can attest after having been felled by a bad back during her horticulturing days. This book is filled with ways to keep you from ending up the way she did. Many organic methods actually help make gardening easier. For instance, putting down a thick layer of mulch early in the year helps you keep weeds down, reduce watering, add organic matter to the soil, and keep the plants cool in the summer heat. Grow heirloom vegetables for a reliable, colorful crop - and you can keep using the seeds from these plants years after year. Most of all, this book also leads you on a month-by-month tour of the vegetable garden, so you can keep up with what needs to be done this month - and look ahead so you can be ready for next month. It's always good to grow your own vegetables, especially with concerns about how far grocery store produce is shipped, concerns about the environment, and concerns about the future. But there's also a new understanding of how good it is to get outside and work with plants, and how delicious those first sun-warmed tomatoes are, how good a newly-picked strawberry tastes, and how astonished your toddler is when she pulls up her first carrot. There's nothing on earth that can beat that. Review: "What a delightful read this is! This lady certainly knows her onions! There is a wealth of practical knowledge to be had in this book. Not having kept a veggie garden for a number of years, It both reminded things I already knew and informed me of many things I didn't. It is an ideal guide for both new-comers to the gardening world, as well as established gardeners."--Ty from Wales

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Two things:First: You know more about gardening than you think.Second: A garden - the soil - the plants - all of these are very forgiving.When it comes down to it, you can do pretty much anything to these.(Though, actually, bulldozer races through the garden are out of thequestion.)A garden is forgiving. Plants are built to put up with a lot of nonsense. It's part of their nature. They obviously can't getup and walk away, so they're made to endure. But some plants are betterat getting along than others are. The trick is finding out which onesthese are.That was part of my outlook, as city horticulturist:If it won't grow for you, why then, it can go away somewhere and wilt.Life is too short to spend on fighting with plants that you don't like.I carried that over into my work in my vegetable garden. I went afterplants that were easy to grow and take care of, and I used methods thatgot results with as little work as possible. I mean, there is alwayswork to be done around the garden. You've got to pull weeds and squashaphids and dump soapy water over the eggplant when it catches fleabeetles and try to keep up with all the strawberries. But I

found that there are ways to make the work less backbreaking, and I outline them in the book. Also I included neat illustrations from old seed catalogs, just for fun. I enjoyed writing this book, and I hope you get a lot of good out of it and even learn something while having fun.

Let me start out by clarifying that my thumb has never been green whatsoever, yet I still try to garden every year. Despite my clear lack of skills, I always have grandiose ideas a beautiful vegetable garden. It turns out that perhaps my biggest room for improvement was just learning from my previous mistakes! This year, I have started to keep a journal so I can see next year what went wrong and what not to do again. Who knew you could forget what you did an entire year ago? I'm certainly nowhere near where I would like to be, but I wish I had had this book years ago, if only to make me feel a little better to know that "plants are very forgiving" and to just keep trying through trial and error. I can't recommend this book enough. Other gardening books are intimidating, but this one is practical and often times pretty funny.

This month-by-month gardening guide is full of tips, insects, to do lists, and vegetable plants that will help with gardening whether you are a novice or a master gardener. Author Cordell, covers seed germination, ratio of plants to area, insect and weeds, tool maintenance, soils and more. For maximum enjoyment, read this book on a cold snowy winter day, when you can take notes and plan for the arrival of spring. I received this book through a random InstaFreebie giveaway. Although encouraged as a courtesy to provide feedback, I was under no obligation to write a review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

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