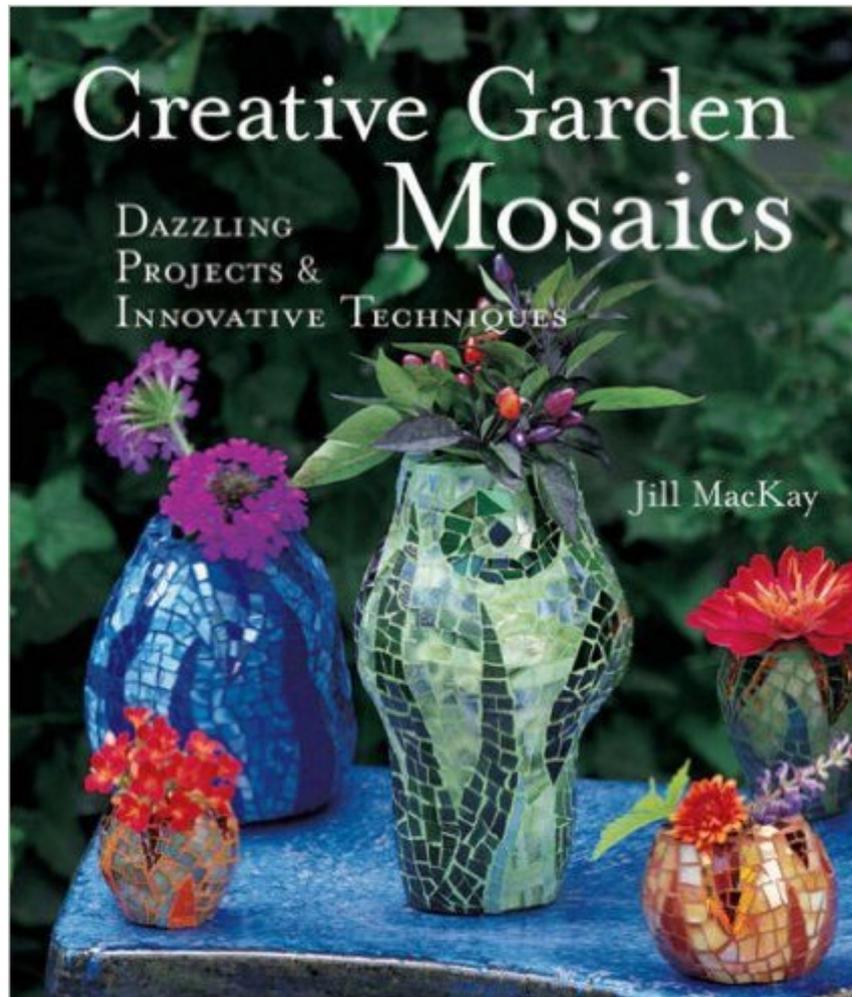


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# Creative Garden Mosaics: Dazzling Projects & Innovative Techniques



## Synopsis

Go beyond the ordinary: these 22 garden-enhancing projects, from pillar planters and shrines to tabletops and flowerpots, all feature the most dazzling designs. Some use ceramic tile and pebbles, others stained glass and colored mirror, and still more showcase shimmering jewels. A richly illustrated section on the fundamental tools, techniques (transferring patterns, cutting shapes, grouting), and materials (tesserae, glass tile) will get beginners started so they can experience the creative pleasure of constructing a variety of eye-catching items. An Onion Dome Birdhouse is a veritable palace, crowned with a gold-leaf dome. Surround a small bed of flowers with a Snake-in-the-Grass Border, made of shining iridescent glass. Or make a Starburst Appliqué, Cascading Planter, Agate Candle Lantern, and others.

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## Customer Reviews

OK, I give this four stars because it IS good. BUT, be careful! Jill MacKay co-authored another book on this subject. It is frustrating to purchase a "new" book only to discover that it is filled with many of the same patterns and images from another on my shelf. This book is like a rerun of McKay's part in "The Pattern Companion". For someone who has never picked up that book, this, I think, is the better choice to purchase. There are many clever ideas here - some new ones, as well. I only wish I had known that half of the book was already in my possession. I wouldn't have purchased this one.

This is a great book for inspiring creative ideas for making outdoor mosaics. Well written, beautifully

photographed, the book shows original problem solving techniques not found in other "how-to" mosaic book...particularly in the construction of 3-D objects. Ms MacKay is a talented writer and mosaic artist.

The subtitle of this book is Dazzling Projects and Innovative Techniques and it certainly delivers! It's full of rich, vivid, full color photographs and instructions for interesting and creative projects, most of them 3-D. I was very excited to learn about epoxy putty and how to use it to create curved structures out of backer board or wire. A few of my favorite projects in this book: Snake-In-The-Grass, Gazing Face, and Reflecting Birdbath with View. Your garden will never be the same!

This book is a great read for aspiring mosaic artists and for beginners. The beautiful pictures show what is possible, the text is well written, and the "how-to" part is easy to follow. This is a book for those who want to venture beyond the commonplace in mosaics. Lena

This book arrived faster than expected, so I was already "pleased"...."pleased" turned into "Delighted" when I sat down and started paging through it! I'm a stained glass artist, so I was familiar with most of the cutting and safety aspects, but I was clue-less when it came to adhesives, grout and the creation of actual mosaic designs. This book answered all of my questions and more! Once again, it was the reviews written about this book that led me to my purchase, and once again, my fellow reviewers did not fail me...Thanks everyone!

I've never written a review before but I felt compelled to spread the word about this book. It's incredible! Every design featured in this book is a masterpiece of creativity. After viewing the art, I can't wait to get started on a project of my own. And the best part is that each design in the book is explained out step-by-step from materials needed to simple techniques. As if that wasn't enough, the back of the book even has templates so you can recreate the exact design if you wish. For inspiration, you can't beat this book.

This is an excellent book which gives you great ideas and helpful hints for mosaics. After I made some simple pieces, I did the Buddha head as well with mirror and stained glass.

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