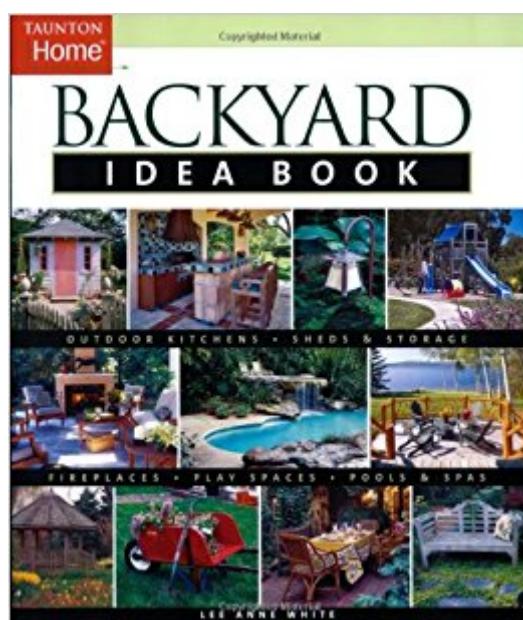


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# Backyard Idea Book: Outdoor Kitchens, Sheds & Storage, Fireplaces, Play Spaces, Pools & Spas (Taunton Home Idea Books)



## **Synopsis**

Much more than just lawns, the backyards of today make full use of this area's unlimited possibilities for lounging, dining, playing, and communing with nature. Outdoor kitchens make cooking a treat for the senses while backyard fireplaces create a natural gathering place for friends and family. Decks, patios and porches can be transformed into fully furnished outdoor rooms with floors, walls and ceilings. Backyard Idea Book helps readers unlock the extraordinary possibilities of this incredibly flexible area, and showcases a huge array of cutting-edge ideas for turning backyards into personal, satisfying spaces. New twists on old themes are offered, as well as some of the freshest ideas from the brightest talent in landscape design. An effective combination of stylistic concepts and hands-on advice helps readers select specific projects, while hundreds of color photos serve to inspire and delight.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a wonderful book with beautiful photos and great ideas. It is not a how to book, but it does inspire!

I haven't finished reading it yet but so far love it. It has many photos along with a paragraph about why/how this works - the type of landscape and things to make sure you do/don't do. I am buying a

copy for my sister for xmas.

I have recently become a big fan of the "Idea Book" series from Taunton. This one is no exception with plenty of ideas that cover every gamut of the back yard. Although this book is pushing 5 years old, luckily this subject matter is less susceptible to trends and fads, so the images and ideas are timeless. I recommend this to anyone that is looking for some ideas, whether it's sprucing up a zone, or small area, to the entire backyard. Only complaint is that there are a few over the top, million dollar mansion photos that just don't seem to fit with the subject. When you start measuring your backyard in acres...well then that's just a different story.

The book clearly states that it is a 'Backyard Idea' book, not a how to or a design book. So for the 2 star review before, it is just plain silly. However, this is a great book if you like to sit back and dream ideas for your backyard. It has some ideas that may be out of reach financially for some, but it also has some budget tight ideas as well. And you can create a combo of both if you'd like! I love designing my own backyard landscapes and this book certainly adds to even more ideas.

Recommended for those who sit in their yards dreaming what they can do to make them fun and relaxing.

I'm satisfied. More than enough pictures with detailed analysis for each. There is nothing missing.

This has been a wonderful book that I have enjoyed savoring. There are diagrams to be used as tools that are impressive, all surrounded by fabulous pictures of realistic projects. Laypeople as well as professional builders can all benefit from the beauty of this book.

Watch out this book has a lot of great ideas and it will only cause you to create more. Seriously if you have a blank yard this book will help you create something special. Why have a cookie cutter yard?

I love to garden and love to read, you can never know enough about gardening and your favorite plants, You need to learn how to take care of the plants you like and keep the investment of plants alive.

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