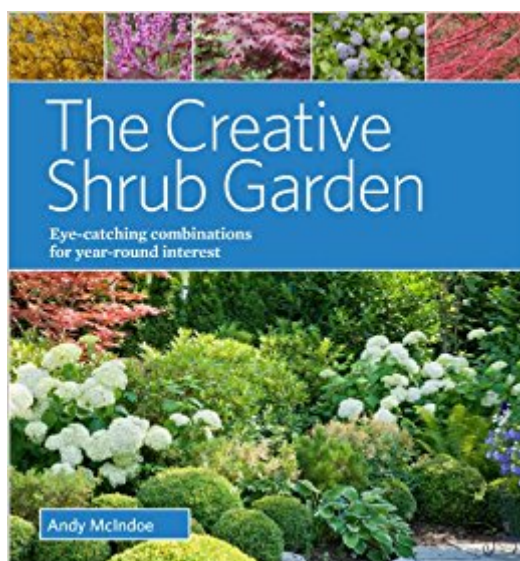


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# The Creative Shrub Garden: Eye-Catching Combinations For Year-Round Interest



## Synopsis

In *The Creative Shrub Garden*, author Andy McIndoe calls on his years of horticultural design experience to shine light on all of the innovative ways to stylishly work shrubs into your landscape. This is a new approach to planning your garden by mood and style. Whether it's an urban contemporary look, a cottage garden feel, or an uplifting environment, *The Creative Shrub Garden* has a wealth of eye-catching combinations that bring new life to this classic plant.

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"His plant directory is rich and colorful. . . . McIndoe occasionally waxes personal, but his style is assuredly instructional." *Library Journal*

"Shrubs play a key part in gardening, as McIndoe so clearly explains in this guide highlighting their year-round beauty and maintenance. . . . This comprehensive text [is] sure to please gardeners who love perennials." *Booklist*

"An invaluable reference source for designers, gardeners and landscapers needing inspiration on plant combinations." *Gardens Illustrated*

"Home gardeners will appreciate this guide to the humble shrub with its glossy color photos and multitude of suggestions for staging and pairing plants." *American Reference Books Annual*

"The author, managing director of Hillier Nurseries and Garden Centres in Hampshire, England, knows his shrubs. His advice on how to combine shrubs visually and culturally, on pruning, growing shrubs in containers, and planting for

seasonal interest are so useful. • Pacific Northwest Magazine “The shrub-curious will find a lot to ponder. . . . Plenty of pictures pack the pages, illustrating the chapters and sparking ideas of your own. • Kitsap Sun “Explores garden styles that put shrubs front and center, along with choosing low - maintenance plants. It’s written by an award-winning English plantsman, but the information is useful on this side of the pond, too. • Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier “A gorgeous book! And oh so helpful. • Wall-to-Wall Books

Shrubs have the widest range of colored foliage, headiest scents, and most persistent flowers of all the plant groups. They are longer-lived than perennials and require half as much maintenance. This unashamedly shrub-centric design guide describes how to choose the right plants for the right place, and mix and match them in groups that bring year-round pleasure. Award-winning designer Andy McIndoe offers ready-made combinations that deliver a range of moods and styles for gardens of all sizes, the basics of designing with shrubs, and a comprehensive plant directory.

As a garden designer, I often create shrub-only beds and borders for my clients. Naturally this title caught my eye, anticipating 'creative shrub garden' ideas. Not so, merely inclusion of shrubs in normal, mixed gardening environments. Nothing special or new here. Incomplete information: The author has written this book for his UK audience, not US. No Zone information, and many of his suggested planting combinations won't work in our specific climates. I will be returning this book to .

I really like this book, a great find. I keep it where I can keep picking it up for reference on how to make my yard better. Full of good ideas and suggestions. Beautiful photos help even more.

I love this book! I wanted to design a garden border for my backyard, had very little knowledge of shrubs and had no idea where to start. This book gave me all the info I needed in order to decide which plants/shrubs to use based on my climate and design needs. It shows many examples of what shrub combinations go together for various styles. I really like the plant directory with lots of info and pictures on all the shrubs mentioned in the book.

interesting and informative. Would love to have seen more of his recommendations played out in actual gardens but it's a good reference book on shrubs -- not exhaustive, but a nice start for

beginning gardeners.

it did meet my expectations, I liked the fact that the shrubs were identified most of the time. Would appreciate more ID of all that are shown but all in all it was a good book.

Its a picture book of of shrubs, if fails to show any designs or beds. The shrubs are described but what's the zones?

Given as a gift. Person who received this book absolutely loves it.

This is a beautiful book with excellent info on how to care for a particular shrub.

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