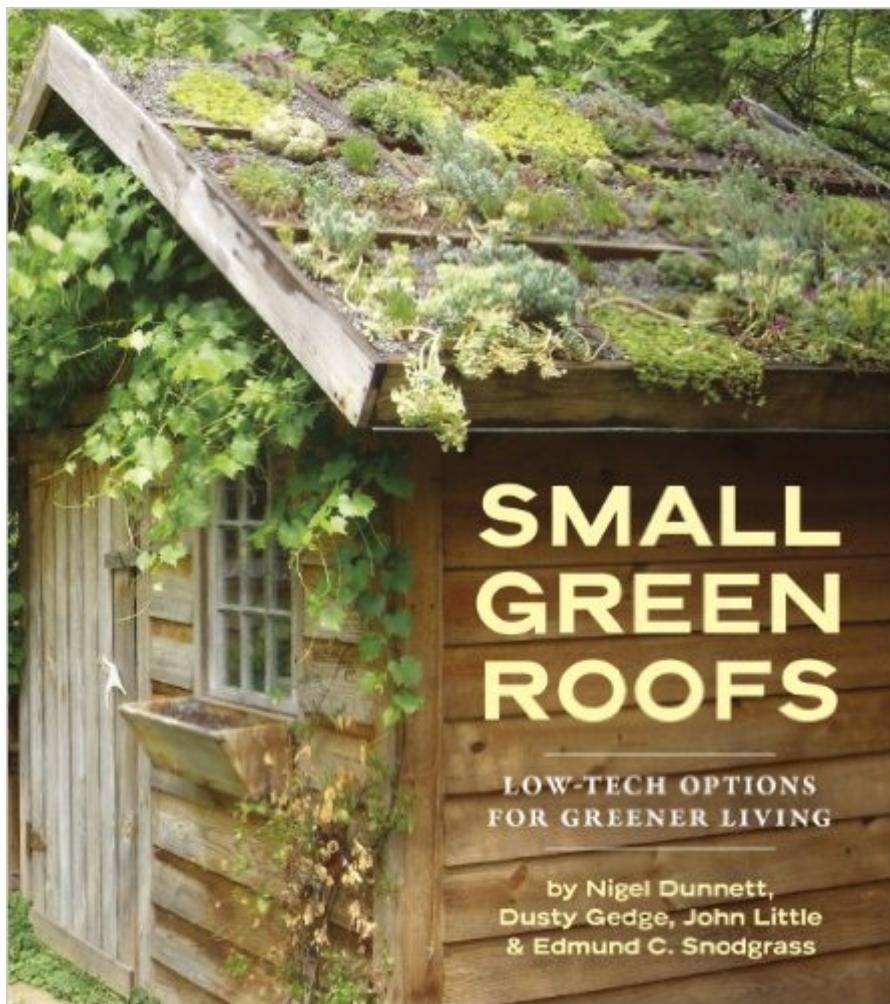


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Small Green Roofs: Low-Tech Options For Greener Living



Synopsis

Until now, the green roof movement has been limited to large-scale, professional endeavors and public buildings. But homeowners everywhere are catching onto the benefits of a green roof—water conservation, energy savings, and storm water management. In *Small Green Roofs* authors Dunnett, Gedge, Little, and Snodgrass profile ordinary homeowners who scaled green roofs down to the domestic level. *Small Green Roofs* is the first book to focus on small-scale and domestic green roofs. More than forty profiles of small and domestic-scale projects of all shapes and sizes include green roofs on sheds, garden offices, studios, garages, houses, bicycle sheds, and other small structures, as well as several community projects. For each project, details are given for design, construction, and installation, as well as how-to tips on how the roof was planted and cared for. For readers looking for inspiration when hiring a contractor or taking the adventurous step of building their own, *Small Green Roofs* provides the knowledge and encouragement to make it possible.

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This book is a cross Atlantic effort with authors and green roof specialists in England and the USA. It is very good for people who live in a pretty cool climate with a good amount of rain, like the north of England with temps of 25F lowest to 85F highest. I guess NY/NJ and New England along with Oregon and Wash. state could use this book too making suitable changes in plants used. Of the approximately 42 cases presented about 39 are from England (the original not the new!). I live on the desert plain of Mexico at the base of the Sierra Madre mountain range- the case studies are of

little use here -- but I can always dream of daily rain, grey skies and biting winds can't I? The five stars are for the content and quality of the book even though it won't work for me or anyone in the desert southwest of the USA.

Previous books I've seen on the subject of green roofs are much more geared towards greening very large properties. This one is designed for people like me who are thinking about a small project at home or for a school or community garden. The first few chapters explore the principles involved, such as getting the supporting structure right and which plants to choose. There's a useful few pages discussing whether DIY or hiring a company is the right thing for the project you have in mind. The bulk of the book comprises a number of case studies showcasing various homescale and community green roof projects from around the world. A number of these belong to the authors, some of which highlight the research they've conducted in their own gardens to acquire the knowledge they're now sharing with us. These and the copious photographs in the book also show just how varied green roofs can be: from a bird table through various sheds and storage spaces, to houses and outdoor classrooms. They're also not just a load of sedums and I'd love to see the trolley storage areas at my local supermarket converted! On the whole I loved this book, but I sometimes found it difficult to find the answers to particular questions I have about putting a green roof on my shed. Suggested plants for different situations (e.g. shade) would have been particularly useful as well as a summary of the tasks involved from start to finish. The information's there, but it often has to be gleaned from reading through a combination of principles and various case studies. Written originally for .co.uk

I like this book, largely because it seems to be the best of its type. I'm glad I bought it, and recommend it if you want to get into green roofs. The photos are very useful and inspiring, and there are a few pages in the beginning which outline useful principles. However, there are many faults. First, they are excessively biased towards a California-type of climate. Second, it's really not a how-to book in any sense. It's useful in orienting you to the overall approach of using linings and supports, but it's up to you to source the materials and figure out how to build it. The bulk of the book is a number of case studies, several of which are quite similar to each other. The example which is on the cover is not representative of the book overall.

If you have any interest in green roofs, buy this one first! My favorite green roof book (I own most of those available). Doesn't get caught up in technical specifications, which are far too complicated for

the average gardener/homeowner, who will probably only want to do a shed/chicken coop/dog kennel. Inspirational case studies. Nicely written, beautiful photos.

It's a good book, but ideas looking for small green roof projects. To me houses and such re not small. I went on to make my 8 x 8 potting shed with green roof and I can honestly say it wasn't with any of the info from the book. The book was well written and had nice pics but for me, it didn't quite hit the mark.

The authors did a great job giving a survey of green roofs. I first became interested in green roofs from Hundertwasser's work; greenroofs and composting toilets. This is a wonderful introductory book giving a pleasing array of examples. It would be wonderful if the authors would continue on this line and do a more comprehensive book.

i'm enjoying this book because of the spectacular photography, incredible writing and the balance of practical how to info and the more aspirational inspiration 'garden porn'. good read. buy it from , for super quick delivery.

I love the idea of an actual growing roof and this book gave me some good ideas about where and how to start. I only wish the instructions had been more detailed and that there had been more pictures for each step of the way.

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