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Puzzled by pruning? Baffled by bulbs? Can't tell a hosta from a hyacinth? Don't worry! This all-in-one reference delivers the know-how you need to transform your little patch of the outdoors into a blooming paradise. Drawing upon the expertise of the National Gardening Association, it gets you up to speed on:

- Basic gardening skills—from understanding your microclimate to using gardening tools to managing pests and common plant diseases
- How to design, plan and build a garden landscape that reflects your unique sense of style
- Selecting, planting and maintaining stunning roses
- Building a raised bed for your perennials and making them bloom in any climate
- Choose, grow and maintain annuals
- From amaryllis to spider dahlias to wood tulips—coaxing beauty from homely bulbs
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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

Seven books in one deliver the dirt on gardening success

Your one-stop guide to a beautiful garden – no experience required!

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The Dummies Way

- Coverage of the essentials and beyond
- Explanations in plain English
- "Get in, get out" information
- Nifty navigational aids, such as thumbtabs and icons
- Tear-out cheat sheet
- A dash of humor and fun

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National Gardening Association: The National Gardening Association is the largest member-based, nonprofit organization of home gardeners in the United States. For more information about the National Gardening Association, write to 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington, VT 05401 USA; or visit its Web site at www.garden.org.

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