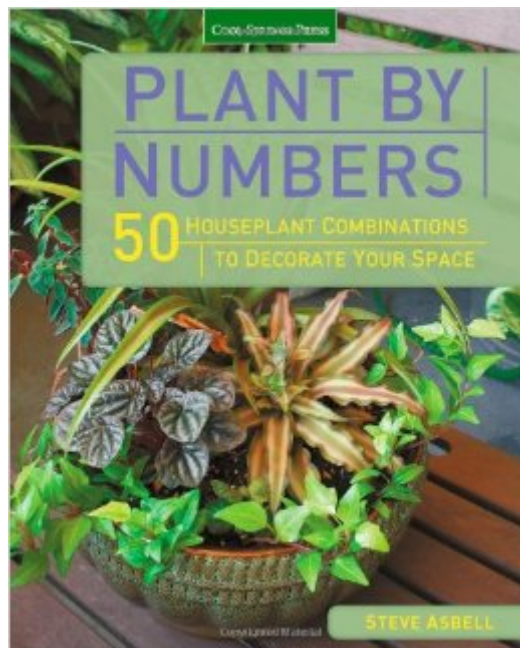


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Plant By Numbers: 50 Houseplant Combinations To Decorate Your Space



Synopsis

The inspirational DIY guide for painting a stunning portrait in houseplants. Hot Pink Limeade, Café Au Lait, Raspberry Margarita . . . wait, are we talking about plants here? It's not often that we think of decorative houseplants as "delicious", but in *Plant by Numbers*, there's no denying that author Steve Asbell makes his debut as a "gourmet chef" of the floral color palette. With his unique and fun recipe-style approach, visually tantalizing full-color photography, and crystal-clear step-by-step instructions, Asbell takes interior gardening to a sophisticated but foolproof new level. Each of the 50 projects within features a comprehensive shopping list and functional plant-a-gram (that's a custom planting diagram), showing you precisely how to plant the container combinations to achieve the most beautiful results in your living space. Even better, interiorscaping has never been more affordable: you'll impress friends, family, and visitors with your luxurious-looking interior plant designs, and you won't break the bank in the process. You'll be entertained while you do it, too: Asbell's signature wit and original planting projects - with titles like "Flavor Trippin'", "Jurassic Spark", "Shower Caddy", and "Femme Fatale" - make the beautiful designs in *Plant by Numbers* as much fun to read as they are to plant. With this book as a guide, container gardening really is as simple as making art with a paint-by-numbers kit.

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Customer Reviews

Steve Asbell opened my eyes to houseplants in a new light. I never was much of an interior plant

person--shedding ferns on a stand, an orchid with a stem long separated from its flower head, and keeping a poinsettia past its prime. I now know I don't need to settle. I can create lush container beds for inside my home. Steve's 50 combinations and pairing knowledge plus plant picks has made it so easy to get the light, water, and soil requirements right for the first time indoor garden creators. I recommend buying this book.

Steve does an excellent job at creating designs with house plants that the novice-average gardener could easily put together. The projects are unique and look great. It's obvious the author is both knowledgeable and passionate about indoor gardening!

The book was written in a fun, clear manner and I really enjoyed all of the arrangements. The only problem I have is not being able to purchase most of the plants in the book. I have, since reading the book, been collecting various containers, did buy a variety of available houseplants and am very anxious to start making my arrangements. They may not be the same, but reading the book and looking at the arrangements, spurred me on to become creative with what I have. Very happy to have purchased it.

Received this book and several others within 2 days from ordering. Can't get any faster than that. I definitely do not have a green thumb but this book is helping me out so much. Amazed how much information is in the book from selecting your plants, how to plant, care and displaying. There is a huge selection of plants and great colored pictures.

I'm 47 and I've never had a green thumb. This book is amazing. I'm learning so much by just leafing through the book! I love the arrangement ideas and all the pictures. I think I finally will get some good house plants going in my house. And I love the personal touch that Steve Asbell put in it with the story and dedication to his mom. Thank you Steve!

I used to make combination planters for customers years ago, but haven't in awhile. Reading Steve's book got me all fired up again! His step by step description for each planter and easy to understand explanation of why each planter looks so good (and they do!) will help even the most novice gardener be successful. I also liked that he added substitute plant suggestions, so if you can't find the exact plant mentioned, you have an idea of what else will work. I would definitely recommend this book to others.

I absolutely love this book! I have been following Steve on his blog for quite a long time. His ideas are always bright and refreshing. It's an honor to be mentioned in this book as a consulting designer. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting an easy to follow guide to indoor house plant beauty!

A bit more complex than I was hoping for, more artsy than functional for the everyday gardener. Beautiful arrangements and pots if you are looking for a focal point. I was hoping to do more pairing of draught resistant plants in some large pots in our driveway and on the walkways. I am still looking at this book but tend to keep putting it aside which is why I gave it only three stars.

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