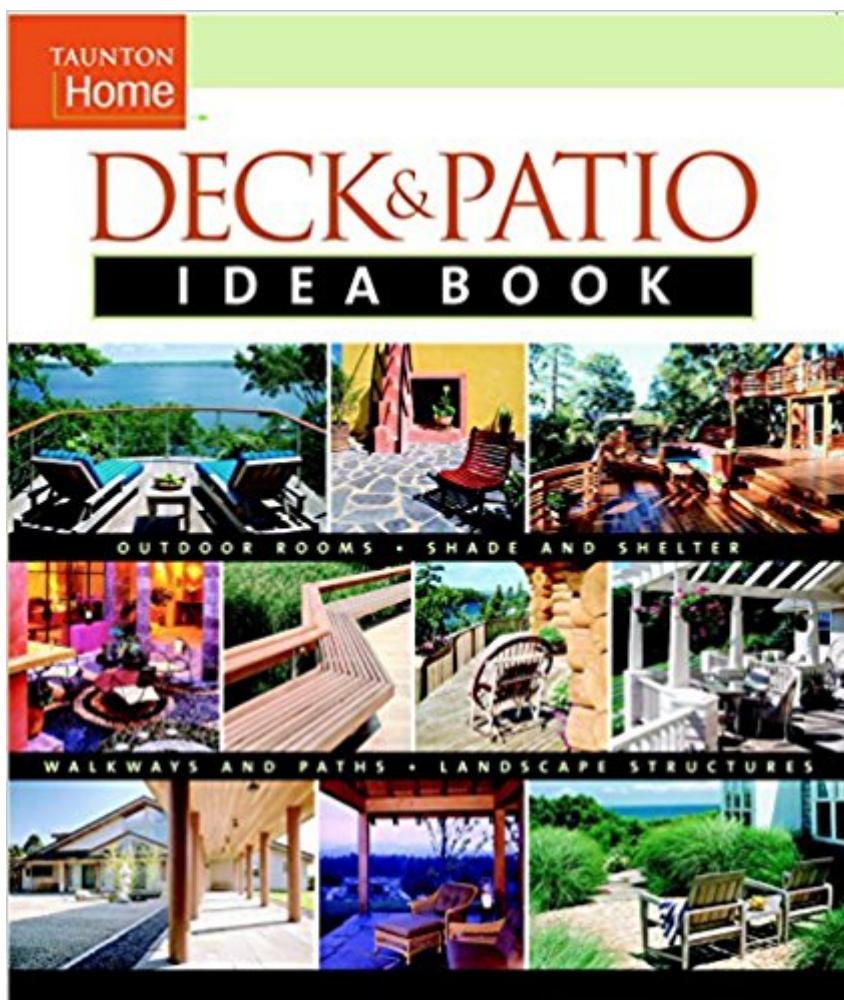


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Synopsis

No longer just a bland square of pressure-treated lumber nailed to the back of the house, decks have taken on new shapes, surfaces, and levels. And patios have evolved from dull slabs of poured concrete to encompass a wide range of forms and materials--from warm brick to chic bluestone to casual gravel. "Taunton's Deck and Patio Idea Book is a photographic exploration of the possibilities for these spaces, and the features that define them, including railings, built-ins, and overhead structures. Hundreds of photos depict the full spectrum of styles and sizes, from the simple wraparound deck, to the curved, multilevel redwood deck with outdoor kitchen; from the small brick patio to an elaborate series of terraced patios with stone walls.

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Customer Reviews

"For those tired of clutter--and who isn't?--this book will provide both advice and inspiration."

Book editor, packager, and author Julie Stillman and architect Jane Gitlin also wrote Taunton's Family Home Idea Book. Stillman lives in South Hero, VT, and Gitlin, also author of Capes, lives in Fairfield, CT.

Knowing this book was an idea/inspiration publication versus a how-to, I ordered anyway. Yes, the

projects were stunning, photography good and the "whys" behind the design concepts made clear. However, if you're looking for more practical and affordable inspiration this isn't the book for you. The price tag on most of the projects would easily hit the 5-figure+ mark. The really clever, out-of-the-box thinking type homeowner could certainly use this book to plan and execute a stunning outdoor space on a smaller scale at a fraction of the cost using non-conventional or lesser quality materials. For middle-class, DIY homeowners (like myself) this is too over the top. I enjoyed reading the book but since I'll never again open the cover, donated it to my small rural library.

All books were sent to my home address so I haven't seen them since I work overseas. My gal says they have some great ideas.

Perfect

Excellent publications

Gave good ideas and pictures are a big help.

full of good ideas

Lots of good ideas and pictures like most of Taunton's design idea books. Caveats are that 1) very little structural building information included (to be expected from the series) 2) many of the decks here don't meet code, sometimes very obviously so (a 20' high deck above whitewater stream and rocks with just a handrail, no balusters). Almost no mention is made of what the requirements really are. A good companion is the free prescriptive design guide for decks from the American Wood Council. Just search for "DCA6.pdf"

This book has some good designs, but not what I was expecting. I am looking to build a new deck (my first), and want ideas... This book had some fancy ideas, but not too many practical ideas... So if you are looking at a book like this, you are most likely going to pay someone else to do the job... There is nothing wrong with that though.... ;)

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