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## Permaculture Design

### A step-by-step guide

By Aranya

Foreword by Patrick Whitefield

**Are you excited about permaculture but unclear how to put it into practice for yourself?**

*Permaculture Design: A step-by-step guide* is just what you need!

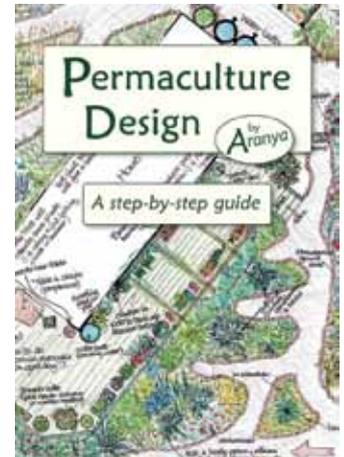
In this unique, full colour guide, experienced permaculture teacher Aranya leads you through the design process from beginning to end, using clear explanations, flowcharts and diagrams. It is based on course worksheets which have been designed, refined and tested on students over time.

Linking theory to practice, he places the ethics, principles, philosophies, tools and techniques directly into the context of the process itself. While written for anyone with a basic grasp of permaculture, this book also has plenty to offer the more experienced designer.

#### **This guide covers:**

Systems and patterns ~ Working as part of a design team ~ Land and non-land based design ~ Design frameworks ~ Site surveying and map making ~ Interviewing clients ~ Working with large client groups ~ Identifying functions ~ Choosing systems and elements ~ Placement and integration ~ Creating a design proposal ~ Project management ~ Presenting your ideas to clients ~ and much more.

“This book is like having a teacher on hand all the time. A great reference for anyone who has done, or is thinking of doing, any kind of permaculture course.”



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## What people are saying about Permaculture Design: A Step-By-Step Guide

For most people, taking the permaculture design course is a major life event. It affects you on so many levels that, however well you took notes, inevitably some of what you learnt passes you by. That's why Aranya wrote this book: so that people could go away from the design courses he teaches and have a reference to the design methods he'd taught them. In effect it's a toolbox of permaculture design methods. Some people keep their tools in a higgledy-piggledy pile, chipped, blunt and uncared for. Others keep them in perfect order in a neat box, each one in its place, oiled, sharpened and ready to go. Aranya is one of the latter and this book reflects the keen clarity of his mind. Open its pages and you can put your finger right on the design tool you need, from triangulation to the enticingly-named desire lines. It's all there, described and illustrated, clearly and comprehensively. Not that the design process is the whole story by any means. No book is a substitute for taking the course itself. When I wrote *The Earth Care Manual* it was with a similar motivation to Aranya's: to provide people with all the information we don't have time to give in the brief span of a 72 hour course. But neither design tools nor information have the same value as the experience of the course, which centres on actually doing permaculture design with a group of like-minded people under the guidance of your tutor. So this book provides two useful functions. It's a useful primer to prepare you for the major life event that is a permaculture design course, giving you many insights into applying the design process. And if you've already done the course, it will consolidate and reinforce the many design skills you've learned, enabling you to put permaculture into practice on the ground.

*Patrick Whitefield, author of The Earth Care Manual*

I teach permaculture. Teaching/learning how to do permaculture design work takes a lifetime and, as we usually only have people for 2 weeks (and there is plenty else to do) that's a big challenge. Generally we can only provide a broad brush overview of a design process and then a sketchy (but useful) go through to ground the information. That's usually much more than a person knew about before they came, and yet there are a million questions that the novice so rightly needs to ask. Here, in this packed volume, there is a wealth of techniques and strategies for the newby and the not so newby alike. I am enjoying the read and I am recommending this book to all my students at Gaia University. Thanks for gathering all this together, Aranya, and thanks for explaining it all in your clear, informal and yet complete style ... Good job!

*Andy Langford - a UK permaculture pioneer, now of Gaia University.*

Thanks so much to Aranya for sending us a copy of his book *Permaculture: A Step by Step Guide*. It truly is an excellent piece and extremely good value.

*Darren Doherty*

Aranya's style of presentation is very inspiring. What PDC graduates need, as well as all the points put forth in the book, is a standard of excellence. The designs are clear and clean, professional and yet beautiful, and very personal.

*Ruth Darcy*

For someone like me who's on the road alot, it's a very handy size, and so makes a fine travel companion.

*Nic Gunton, a permaculture filmmaker, see YouTube under Astral Jester*

My book arrived a few days ago and I've read the first few pages. Already the residential course is coming back to me. I love it - it has been written with such warmth and commitment that it is going to rekindle my desire to do something more practical (permaculture wise). I am at the stage where I am planning my new property so the timing is perfect.

*Helen Williams, Permaculture Student*

I really enjoyed the read and know the advice will help me to clarify ideas and communicate designs as I put the designs online. Love the advice on slowing down, I've classically rushed a few times and the results both led to learning and act as reminders!

*Nick Waitz, teacher*

I just wanted to let you know how much I have been enjoying Permaculture Design. There is so much information in this small package, and I haven't even started to tap into the online resources or CD yet! I'm especially impressed with the inclusion of tools like SMART goals, open space, Gantt charts, critical paths, etc.

*Mark Juedeman of Transition Texas*

The book was a pleasure to read, well thought out and presented with a desire to educate but also inspire us to make changes: changes in our own lives and for the good of the ones around us; and changes for future generations to come by showing us just how easy it is to make those changes.

*Vince Kirchner reviewing on [www.examiner.com](http://www.examiner.com)*

The best designed detailed permaculture book I've got - I'm particularly enjoying the physical design and layout and I am starting to understand why things I've done before have not always worked (particularly around mapping!). The fact it is portable is so important to me as the time that I get to read books is normally when I'm travelling. Great it's not repeating much of the information covered in other core texts too.

*Lusi Alderslowe, apprentice teacher & Diploma tutor*

Super helpful and well-presented. I've taken a bunch of inspiration from it to design the 2-day permaculture course I'm teaching.

*Maryse Rochette, Permaculture Teacher Trainer*

I have started using it very frequently in my design works. I must admit that it is one of the best practical design books I have seen so far!

*Sven & Asya, permaculture farmers*

About five years ago, I took an online permaculture design course, but when it came to drawing up the final design, I ground to a halt... A final design, after all, is final. Isn't it? So it needs to be exactly right... Perhaps if Aranya's book had been available five years ago things would have been a little different... Where the book scores is that it does exactly what it says on the cover - it walks you through the whole process. You never get left asking yourself 'I wonder what I should I do next?' because he's right there taking you by the hand and leading you through it... This book fills a huge void in permaculture literature. Anyone thinking of designing properties for other people will find it indispensable, and I can't imagine there are many people who only want to design for themselves who wouldn't benefit from having this book by their side as they plan out their dreams and their gardens.

*Burra Maluca, reviewing on [permies.com](http://permies.com)*

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Aranya has been experimenting with what permaculture can do since his design course epiphany in 1996. In the years that followed he designed a collection of gardens, along with a few other non-land based designs, writing them all up to gain his Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design 2003.

Since that time he's followed a teaching pathway, that now involves delivering on average ten two-week design courses a year. Along the way he's met many amazing people that give him hope for the future and who in no small way have influenced the content of this guide.

Aranya is also a long-term barefooter, certain that this helps him be more aware of nature, stay grounded and walk lightly on the Earth.