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Getting Started in Permaculture

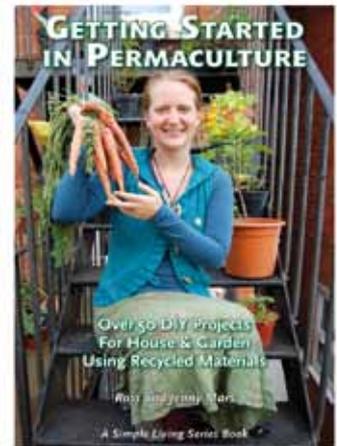
By Ross and Jenny Mars

What can you and your family practically do about climate change? Knowing where and how to start can seem daunting, but this book shows you how to take those first steps ... that the ability to make a difference is indeed 'in your own hands'.

Getting Started in Permaculture by Ross and Jenny Mars features over 50 DIY projects for the house and garden using recycled materials. A practical introduction, it is an ideal path into the subject of permaculture for the new and curious, and a useful education resource all in one book.

Getting Started in Permaculture is based on a real life development. It shows the step-by-step procedures for making herb fertilisers, compost, organic sprays for pest control and many more things that you can apply to your own home and garden. The book discusses how to reuse your soft drink bottles, waste paper and tyres in a number of useful projects such as making ponds, fruit fly traps, retaining walls and solar stills. Each subject includes a permaculture perspective which explains some of the basic principles of permaculture design and the reasons for applying them. All the projects have been in use for many years on the authors' smallholding, which was developed from a barren field into a thriving, diverse food producing area with multiple ecosystems and functions.

Permaculture is based on the ethics of caring for people and our planet. It is about growing your own healthy food, being resourceful and environmentally responsible. Permaculture concepts and ideas can be applied successfully in small urban spaces or larger rural and farming properties - and *Getting Started in Permaculture* proves this, and will inspire you to have a go!



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What people are saying about GETTING STARTED IN PERMACULTURE

This deceptively compact little volume is chock full of practical activities aimed at increasing self-reliance and reducing our ecological footprints. Theoretical content is kept to a minimum, although sprinkled throughout are short sections that place activities into a wider permacultural context.. I like this approach as it encourages 'learning by doing', making this a potentially useful resource for schools or community gardening projects where early success is crucial in breeding confidence, empowerment and the development of new skills. Another winner from Permanent Publications' aptly titled Simple Living series.

Graham Burnett, author and illustrator of Permaculture: A Beginners Guide

Permaculture experts Ross and Jenny Mars outline the steps to transform your garden into a productive living system. Modeled upon the development of Candlelight Farm, and illustrated with photographs, this guide encourages the reader to make positive steps towards reconciling human impact with nature following the permaculture ideal. Permaculture is based on the ethics of caring for people and our planet. It is about growing your own healthy food, being resourceful and environmentally responsible. Permaculture concepts and ideas can be applied successfully from small suburban units to large farming properties. *Getting Started in Permaculture* delivers step-by-step knowledge for a variety of useful projects including: making herb fertilisers, compost, organic sprays for pest control, and much, much more. As part of Permanent Publications Simple Living Series, this practical and accessible guide for gardeners of all skill levels serves as an ideal introduction to the world of permaculture.

Angus Robertson

This is an excellent little book and having reviewed and tried some of the projects in it, I was only sorry that I had not bought it earlier.

Ronan Mac Loughlin

I love this little book. It is jam packed full of ideas and things to try. It's also a handy little size which I found to be fab cos I could take it to work and dip into it at lunch time...I would definitely recommend this book - great value for money.

Reader review on Amazon

What I liked here was a discussion of getting into the principles of permaculture [before] starting your permaculture garden, that is, how to apply permaculture to other aspects of your life

Reader review on Goodreads

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:



Ross Mars is a well-known Western Australian educator, writer and course and workshop presenter. He completed a PhD in Environmental Science at Murdoch University in 2001. His research centred on the use of native wetland plants to strip nutrients from domestic greywater. Ross also has qualifications in permaculture, having achieved the first Diploma in Permaculture issued in Western Australia. He has also been awarded his Diploma of Permaculture Design, in six categories, including Site Design, Education, Media and Communications, and Administration, from permaculture founder, Bill Mollison and the Permaculture Institute. He has taught a large number of permaculture-related courses and workshops, including several Advanced courses in both Permaculture Design and Teaching.

Jenny Mars is a primary school teacher with a passion for the environment, gardening and plants, especially herbs. Jenny also has a Diploma in Permaculture and has a particular interest in growing food to enable families to work towards supporting themselves.