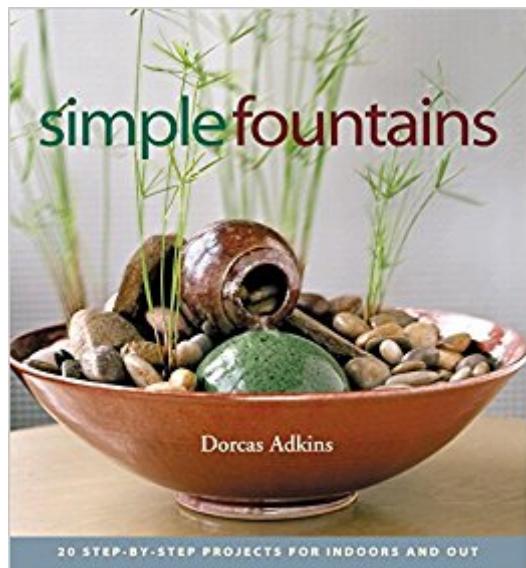


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# Simple Fountains



## **Synopsis**

From small tabletop models to full-size backyard waterfalls, fountains can add beauty and serenity to any setting. Expert landscaper Dorcas Adkins offers step-by-step instructions for creating 20 elegant fountains that use a wide variety of materials. With advice on everything from installing quiet magnet-driven pumps to working bonsai trees into an ethereal fountain design, Adkins helps you create a water feature that suits your personal taste and style. Build your own fountain and enjoy the soothing sounds and playful visual effects of moving water.Â Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

Dorcas Adkins, the author of Simple Fountains, formerly owned and operated Adams & Adkins, Inc., a company making tabletop fountains and other garden ornaments. Adkins lives in Washington, DC, with two cats, Harrie and Sushi. She continues to design, build, and write about custom fountains and other garden-related projects.

I expected this to be "simple fountains". There is some useful information, but a lot of complicated variations of fountains, not a single "simple fountain" in the bunch. If you are into building wood frames, creating a casting mold, mixing and pouring cement, drilling brackets and holes, and carrying very large and heavy objects to and fro, this is your book. If you are, however, looking for "simple fountains", this is not the book. Based on the deceptive title, misleading description, and questionable reviews, I'll be avoiding all of this author's fountain books.

I broke my table top fountain and went shopping for a new one. In the process I came upon this book and thought, "Hummm...cheaper and more fun when you DIY." Why not five stars? This book is excellent and worth 5 stars. For me personally, I would have liked more varieties of table top fountains. Picky, picky, picky :)

It has some great basic ideas for the beginner and I am looking forward to trying them.

I now have a beautiful fountain thanks to Dorcus Adkins!

I love this book, there are plenty of ideas to get you started into your adventure of fountain making. The instructions are very complete, and the list of parts that are needed is so helpful.

Great book for indoor or outdoor fountains. The author has described in the book how to do the tasks, what materials are needed.

Covers a lot of different fountain types from ponds, waterfalls, wall fountains, to table top. Like the photos and diagrams. Not too highly complicated and yet not too simplistic. Surprised and pleased at how many Japanese style fountains were included. Will not need to buy another fountain book ever.

.THE AESTHETICS ELEVATE IT TO ARTAt the time that I write this, late summer 2011, there are three or four glowing reviews on this book. As others have mentioned, the author provides a wealth of well-organized and easily understandable instructions for the projects in the book along with valuable tips and sources for materials. Indeed, being something of an aficionado of "how to" books, I would easily rate this among the very best among them. What has as yet been unmentioned, or possibly only obliquely, is that the overall "presentation" of the book, and the excellent, excellent composition and content of the photographs - IOW, the aesthetics of it - elevate it to art. Don't be surprised to find your house guests happily devouring it should you happen to leave it on a coffee table! Well done!

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