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Air Plants: The Curious World Of Tillandsias



Synopsis

“In this beautiful book, artist Zenaida Sengo has provided inspiration for designing and living with tillandsias. • Flora Grubb Air Plants, by Zenaida Sengo shows how simple and rewarding it is to grow, craft, and design with these modern beauties. Decorating with air plants is made easy with stunning photographs that showcase ideas for using them mounted on walls, suspended from the ceiling, as living bows and jewelry, as screens, and in unique containers, like leather pouches, dishes, and baskets. Six step-by-step projects include a wood mount, a wall hook, lasso-and-hook wiring, a ceramic-frame garden, and three unique terrariums. ”

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“In every gardener’s life, the road divides, providing a chance to let go of old snobberies and discover new delights. My heart leapt when I saw Air Plants. . . . I gazed with no small lust in the heart at air plants perching in napkin rings, teacups or bull’s horns, as styled by the book’s artistic author. • The New York Times Book Review “Sengo offers fresh possibilities to people who love plants in their home but have little time, limited space, and a general disinclination toward plant care. . . . Sengo’s informative book offers creative ways to enjoy these quirky plants. • Publishers Weekly “A timely book for the genus tillandsia, which seems to be popping up everywhere as of late, as the “c group of plants. • Country Gardens “This book, written by Flora Grubb Gardens’ own Zenaida Sengo and

photographed by the insanely talented Caitlin Atkinson, takes a deep dive into different varieties, care, and projects. **• Sunset** “A great introduction. . . . Immerse yourself in the wonders of these deceptively simple showstoppers. **• Chicago Tribune** “Sengo dishes on the plant. . . . sharing ideas for decorating with the low-maintenance, sculptural wonders. Sengo and photographer Caitlin Atkinson use their homes and the homes of friends to demonstrate how to turn the plants into the perfect accessory for any bright space. **• San Francisco Chronicle** “Zenaida Sengo may inspire you to add a little exotic flavor to your environs with these unusual plants. **• American Gardener** “This book covers all the basics of growing and crafting with the fuzzy, spiky, sculptural plants that are **• bonus!** low-maintenance and soil free. **• Denver Life Magazine** “Step-by-step instructions along with color photographs will help you design a hard-to-kill arrangement, for yourself or gift giving. **• The Oregonian** “A truly handy and fun read, with clear, pretty photos and step-by-step how-to projects, this book is not only a guide on choosing and caring for air plants, but also gives us amazingly creative ideas on air plant crafting and design. **• BoingBoing** “A plant lover’s dream. **• The Nest**

Fuzzy, spiky, and spectacular **• air plants are living, blooming sculptures** Air plants don’t need soil, so you can dangle and perch these easy-care plants almost anywhere. Use tillandsias in crafts with shells, rocks, slate, or driftwood to display in your favorite nook. Or try your hand at creating a vertical garden, a terrarium in a flask, or any of the other stylish projects featured in this book. Despite their well-deserved reputation for being low-maintenance, air plants in the home cannot survive on air alone. Tillandsia expert and artist Zenaida Sengo explains all the basics of growing and maintaining these intriguing plants so that they bloom and thrive year-round. **•**

I’ve grown air plants for years with differing results (some thrive, some die). Growing information for tillandsias has been difficult to find and is often overly vague and broad. This book provides great information on the different types of air plants and super useful guidelines for watering and fertilizing. On top of all that, the photos throughout the book are beautiful! This book gave me all sorts of new ideas for displaying my tillandsias.

I wanted to learn more about Tillandsias. This book provides a general guide to the growing and

caring of these exotic plants. In addition, information regarding the prevention and treatment of diseases and pest most problematic to Tillandsias is provided. The book is full of pictures. Instructions and guides are accompanied by pictures exhibiting the information ensuring the information provided is clearly understood. It provides a brief guide to some of the many different varieties that exist. The latter half of the book is filled with even more pictures, numerous ideas, designs and instructions on the many, many ways of mounting and displaying these beautiful, exotic treasures.

This book is fantastic and gave me all I needed to know (and more) about how to care for and display my various air plants. For the first time I'm confident I'm not going to kill the poor things dead due to over (or under) watering. I keep my air plants in my bathroom, water them once a week in the leftover bathwater (along with my orchid collection) and have fun arranging them in different shapes. One of the plants is doing so well that it will be blooming soon. I can't wait!

Very informative book, the best I've seen dealing with tillandsias. Aside from the clear and thorough cultivation information, the author provides an abundance of high-quality photos and suggestions of how to display these plants with no roots and pots. Clearly, the author has fun displaying her collection creatively, and changing the displays on a whim (which means she gets to play with and really enjoy her plants - the ultimate in plantsmanship!) - and she shares a bookful of uncomplicated, reproducible ideas with the reader. No matter where you fall on the plant-owning spectrum, you'll probably find something to enjoy in this book. If you don't own tillandsias when you open the book, you'll be eager to acquire some by the time you close it!

First the photography is beautiful, but kept clean and simple. The book is extremely informative on the subject of airplants....covering their variety, care and how to display them in your home or office. My favorite section was the decor information. She is very creative and generous with her ideas on how to showcase these funny little plants. Whether you are new to airplants or not, this book is a must have. It gathers everything you ever wanted to know about them!

I am new to the world of tillandsias and personally enjoyed the book. I am not one who like to read and I get bored really easy. This book has wonderful pictures throughout and informative. I now know what a tilli looks like, from the picture, when it's dry and needs water. I knew the leaves would curl but some just have a curl to them. Also knowing which environments the species originate from

is helpful with watering. I thought they all liked a good soaking at least one a week but apparently not. I've learned a few important things from this book and recommend it.

Beautiful pictures, very stylish and modern. Goes in depth for care of plants, but the reason I love this book so much is the numerous ideas provided on decorating your home with air plants. Modern chic and incorporates nature. Great if you are new to plants, air plants and home decorating with plants.

I've been keeping Tillandsias for about 3 years now and my collection has really grown - possibly faster than my knowledge of these plants has expanded. I almost blindly ordered this book to help bring my knowledge level up. As it turns out, this book does contain a great deal of information about Tillandsia, but even more so, this book contains a wealth of information regarding methods and ideas for displaying these plants. Well, I needed that information too! The photographs are great (I feel qualified to say that as one of my undergraduate majors was photography), and the information in this book has inspired me to display my Tillandias in many different ways.

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