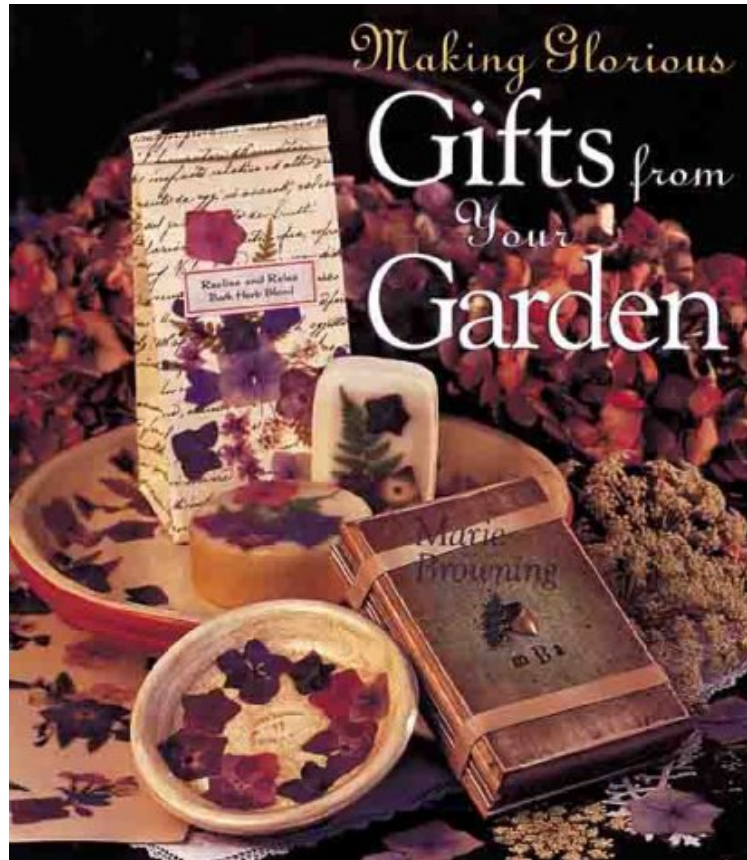


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.com Plenty of dedicated crafters are also experienced gardeners, but if your thumb tends to be more glue-covered than green, you can still create wonderful items from the bounty of a less-than-expert garden or buy the supplies from a craft store or garden center. Designer Marie Browning provides a brief overview of craft-friendly flowers and herbs (and even fruits and vegetables), along with good instructions on various methods for pressing and drying them. The large selection of projects falls into several categories: personal and home fragrances, culinary, pressed-flower items, dried-flower decorations, and twig and vine projects. More than 80 recipes explain how to make facial scrubs, bath oils, potpourri, sachets, natural cleaning products, herbal cooking blends, fruit butters, flavored vinegars, syrups, spirited fruits and liquors, and more, plus there are step-by-step directions for an array of candles, frames, wreaths, arrangements, and garlands. Since many of these are destined to be gifts, the book also includes lovely packaging and labeling techniques, plus nice ideas for combining finished projects to produce themed gift baskets. For instance, a selection of culinary herbal blends, garden-herb biscuit mix, and flavored butters, along with a twig frame and a bark candle holder, make up the North Woods Basket, presented in a handmade wood container with natural-paper labels. Be sure to make a few extra items, since you won't want to give them all away. --Amy Handy From Library Journal Many gardeners make and use herbal products, but crafting gifts requires special touches. Using products of her own garden on Vancouver Island plus purchased botanicals, Browning makes and packages the fragrant creations of traditional herbalists such as bath oils, potpourri, and culinary vinegars, oils, and syrups. She explains techniques, provides recipes, and offers photos showing the gifts packaged for presentation. This excellent, up-to-date summary of herbal crafts is recommended for public libraries. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Many herbal tomes profess to act as one-stop crafting, containing everything needed to put together impressive gifts. Vancouver author Browning carries through on that promise, gathering dozens of recipes and a number of techniques to create eight unusual baskets. Building up to that climax of packaged goodies are, first, the selection of plants and herbs, all easy to locate no matter what the neighborhood or weather. The how-tos are divided by type: personal fragrances (bath oils and facial scrubs), home fragrances (window spray), culinary collection (candied ginger scone mix), and decorative accessories (from a blossoming floral hat to vine wreaths). Pick a posy or two to create a millefiori bath collection or an elegant Della Robbia basket. Barbara Jacobs