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Introduction

Hi,

Thank you for downloading my book ***'11 Simple Ways To Turn Your Garden Japanese'***

My aim in creating this book is to inspire you and give you lots of useful ideas to add a 'touch' of Japan to your yard or garden.

First off, let me give you some background...

My name is *Russ Chard* - this is me



-and, I've written about Japanese gardens for many years and my interest started after a visit to one of North America's finest Japanese gardens in San Francisco and has developed into a fully-grown passion of mine. I am grateful that my flight back to London was delayed that day and I chose a garden visit rather than sitting in the airport for 7 hours!



Pathways, Stepping Stones, Manicured Trees and Shrubs, Raked Gravel with Island and Dwarf Bonsai Tree - San Francisco's Japanese Garden

Since then I have created and run several websites on Japanese gardens and they are read by people from all over the world on a daily basis. They cover all aspects of Japanese and Zen gardens (sometimes known as Japanese Rock gardens) .Here are details of my websites:

<http://www.japzen.wordpress.com>

<http://www.makingajapanesegarden.com>

<http://www.whatisazengarden.com>

I have a **T**witter feed [@japangdninfo](https://twitter.com/japangdninfo) and a **F**acebook page: www.facebook.com/zenibo777 and have even set up an online Japanese garden magazine that I update daily from wherever I happen to be! Such is the beauty of technology.

It is that same technology that allows you to access my latest book literally in seconds and I am very glad to be able to share these ideas with you.

I have also enlisted the help of a Japanese garden designer friend of mine called Tim Sykes. Years ago he decided to de-stress and give up the rat race of working in advertising and trained in Horticultural Design. Together with his wife, Tim has run a very successful bespoke garden design company for nearly 10 years and he loves Japanese gardens!

I have written this book because experience has taught me that the idea of having a full-blown Japanese garden at a home or in a workspace is unworkable for many people let alone impractical.

Japanese gardens are beautiful, peaceful, simple, steeped in history and meaning and large ones cannot be constructed cheaply or without dedication - not only for their construction but for their on-going maintenance as well.

To have a fairly large Japanese garden is a BIG commitment. After all, the reason they look so striking and unique is because of the planning and care and attention that goes into them.

If you have unlimited funds and time on your hands then your Japanese garden project will be easy and the sky is the limit. But, as you and I know the vast majority of people do not fall into this category and so money and time are important.

You cannot build a Japanese garden in a weekend from scratch nor can you learn how to build one in 3 minutes as a video I saw recently on YouTube claimed!

But here's some GOOD news...

You don't have to be restricted by the obstacles you may perceive that I have laid before you. With a little know how adding a touch of Japan to your garden or home is very

achievable and this book will give you 11 ways of doing exactly that.

You won't have to break the bank to do it nor will they be unreasonably time consuming to create. Your Japanese garden will be on a smaller scale than some you have seen but NO LESS memorable!

Along with top Japanese garden designer Tim Sykes, I have come up with a book that we believe will explain in plain English the basics of Japanese gardens and how with that new found knowledge you can set about transforming a space at your home that will be eye catching, soothing for the soul and the envy of your family and friends too!

You don't need to spend a fortune on garden designers either as Tim and I will be teaching you the finer points of Japanese gardening and showing you practical ways where sometimes doing very little will give you the style of garden or area that you desire.

An important principle to understand is that Japanese gardens are nature in miniature and that is why they appear balanced and harmonious. Mimicking nature to a Japanese garden designer can be as simple as taking in a vista and copying the landscape from memory or a picture only on a much smaller scale.

This is EXACTLY why these types of gardens work in modest spaces and don't have to be large and complicated.

Get ready to be inspired by our words, design plans, ideas and simple instructions that will demystify the subject of Japanese gardens and set you well on the way to adding a Japanese flavour to your garden, yard, balcony, courtyard, hallway or wherever you have the available space!