

Peaceful spaces, inside and out

Turn to these texts for good advice on curtains, pillows, mosaics, garden ornaments and peaceful spaces.

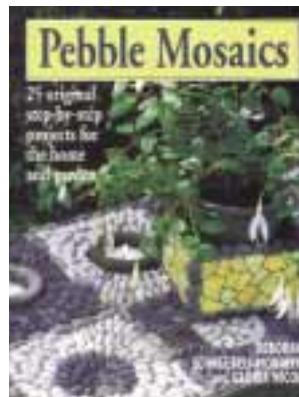


■ If simple, clean interior design inspiration is what you seek, then you're sure to find what you're looking for in ***Peaceful Spaces*** by Alice Whately. The author walks us through each area of the home, including outdoor spaces, and with beautiful photographs and intelligent commentary guides the reader toward the secrets for making our homes havens of calm and tranquility. Little, if anything, is overlooked. Even just reading this lovely book will bring a sense of calm and order. Available from *Ryland Peters & Small*, New York, NY, it retails for \$39.95.



■ The latest offerings in the Home Furnishing Workbooks series take the panic out of sewing attractive home acces-

sories with ***Simple Curtains*** and ***Simple Pillows***. Each of these easy-to-follow books provide instructions for simple projects that will put even a novice sewer at ease. The illustrations for each project are clear and understandable. Author Katrin Cargill has an impressive background in interior design and the designs shown in the books represent a variety of styles. The books retail for \$22.95 each and are published by *Ryland Peters & Small*, New York, NY.



■ If creative, hands-on projects interest you, then you're likely to find ***Pebble Mosaics*** a welcome addition to your collection of how-to books. This well-illustrated book gives step-by-step instructions for 25 projects using stone as the design medium. Inspired and complex designs for garden benches and fountains can be found, along with simple ideas for everyday items such as candle holders. While there is no need to be a master craftsman to complete any of the projects in this book, some require a

fair amount of labour and may be better accomplished with the help of a friend. The smaller items shown can be handled easily by one person, however. This fascinating book sells for \$19.95 and is published in Canada by *Firefly Books*, Willowdale, ON.

■ Also available from *Firefly Books* is the delightfully whimsical and inspirational book of garden design called ***Ornament in the Small Garden***, by Roy Strong. This book offers enchanting ideas for creating gardens that range from simple to theatrical. There is even a section called Phantasmagoria. Now that's covering all tastes and styles! The book contains beautiful photographs that inspire and sometimes intimidate, but always entertain. The author discusses all the basic elements of design structures but includes



examples of creativity that make the imagination take flight. This is the sort of book you could pull from the shelf in the dead of winter to bring you a little joy. And once the spring comes, you'll be inspired to go wild. This book retails for \$24.95. ❁

■ *Each of these books is available from major booksellers in the GTA.*
