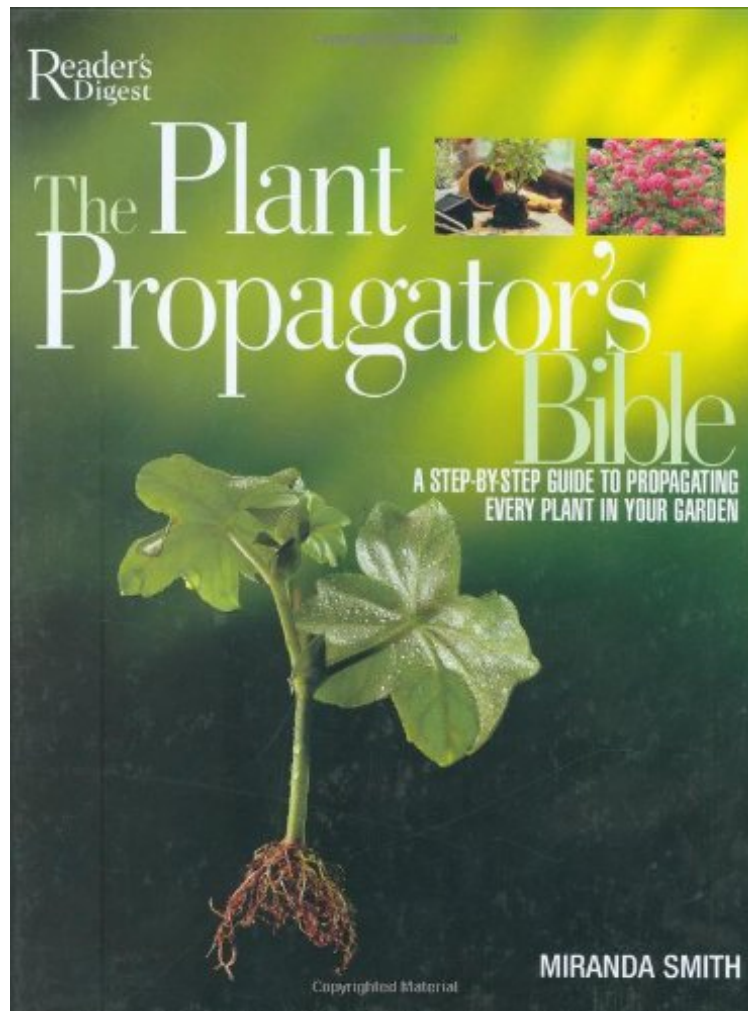


# The Plant Propagator's Bible

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55 of 55 people found the following review helpful. Simple and concise By Brett Lee This book is one of the best reference books you can own. It's not one of those books that requires reading 20 pages and taking notes to learn how to propagate a plant. It's laid out very simply. First There is a section about the basics of propagation and soil written very simply and to the point. No extra words. Second There are all of the different propagation techniques with each one only having two pages. On the pages it lays, in pictures with captions, the technique very simply. Then in a box off to the bottom it tells you the potential problems you may experience and their causes. There is another box that lists all of the plants that can be propagated by the technique. Lastly there is a little 1-2 paragraph written section telling more information about the technique should you want to learn a little more. Third There is a section classifying

each plant by botanical (latin) name that tells the easiest method of propagating that plant along with alternate techniques and potential problems. All of this information is presented in less than 100 words and guides you to the pages containing the propagation technique towards the beginning of the book. The most concise and simple reference book I have ever seen. I read a lot and have many reference books on different subjects. This is by far the best, even better than the for dummies books. You can go straight to the plant you want and in two pages know when and how to propagate a plant and what can go wrong. 27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Offers everything the home gardener will ever need. By GdnGal I am a Master Gardener student in southern Wisconsin. I had purchased this book because I was going to be attending a day-long, hands-on seminar on plant propagation at the University of Wisconsin Horticulture center in Madison, WI. When I opened my text book (a huge volume put together by our instructor) and studied that - and then opened this book I was thrilled to find that absolutely everything I would need to know for the seminar and for my studies was also available in this book. As a student of horticulture, I can say with absolute certainty if you are looking for a source book to give you all you'll need to know to propagate plants at home, this is it. A GREAT value for the price. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. but overall a good reference for the beginner to intermediate gardener. By Tchad Elliott This book has the distinction of being both concise and broad. Everything you need to propagate in different ways explained well. The plants listed in the back are a curious mixed lot - kind of weird which got included and why, but overall a good reference for the beginner to intermediate gardener.

With her reader-friendly, easy-to-follow directions, a veteran horticulture teacher demonstrates all the ways to cultivate new plants whether from seed or cuttings or with techniques such as layering, grafting, and budding. Creating new plants from existing ones is one of the most rewarding aspects of gardening. But to many, the idea of propagating plants seems like a feat that only the most experienced gardeners can master. The Plant Propagators Bible strips away the mystique and makes multiplying plants easy even for the novice. Drawing on her many years as a horticulture teacher, Miranda Smith explains the natural process and conditions in which plants grow and reproduce, and shows gardeners how to use these systems to propagate any plant that grows in their garden or greenhouse or even on their windowsill. The book features: an A to Z directory of more than 1,000 individual plant species with appropriate propagation techniques for aquatics, ornamental plants, houseplants, shrubs, trees, vegetables, and wildflowers "What Can Go Wrong" advice for each type of plant, explaining potential problems and how to prevent or fix them detailed, step-by-step illustrations and annotated photographs. Including information on essential tools and equipment, this is an indispensable addition to every gardener's bookshelf.

From Booklist One of gardening's most satisfying benefits is the opportunity to create new plants from old. Many gardeners are attracted to the economics of inexpensively increasing their existing garden stock, while others relish the chance to develop brand-new hybrids. But plant propagation can intimidate even the most accomplished gardener. An experienced horticulture instructor and prolific gardening-book author, Smith demystifies propagation by providing an exceptionally well-organized and comprehensible guide to various processes, from the simple sowing of seeds to the more intricate grafting of rootstock. Color photographs and well-defined line drawings clarify step-by-step procedures, an A-Z directory of more than 1,000 plant species outlines corresponding propagation methods, and an extensive section devoted to tools and techniques furnishes helpful checklists and troubleshooting advice. Smith covers all the bases in this rudimentary and practical guide. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author MIRANDA SMITH has been teaching horticulture for more than 30 years. Author or coauthor of 13 gardening books, including The Gardeners Problem Solver and Your Backyard Herb Garden, she lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.