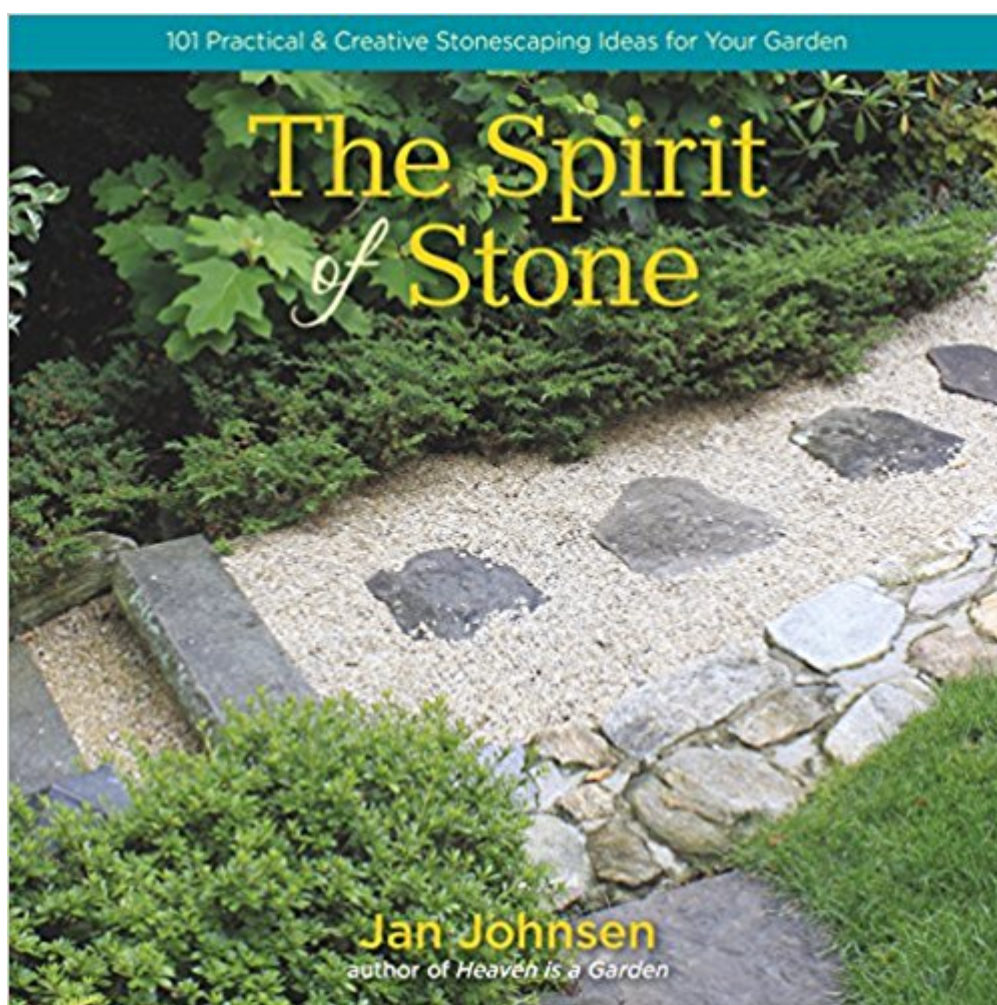


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# The Spirit Of Stone: 101 Practical & Creative Stonescaping Ideas For Your Garden



## Synopsis

Natural stone, that most ancient of materials, adds an authentic touch to an outdoor space that nothing else can match. While plants may temporarily steal the show, a low stonewall, solitary standing stone or dry stream remains unwavering through the years. Isamu Noguchi, the designer and artist, summed it up best, "Any gardener will tell you that it is the rocks that make a garden. They call them the 'bones' of the garden." In *The Spirit of Stone*, award-winning landscape designer Jan Johnsen presents a richly photographed guide to the many creative ways that durable stone and gravel can be used in a garden. The chapters address rock gardens, walls, stone accents, walks and more. There is a chapter on sustainable stone that shows how to capitalize on stone's functional qualities in a beautiful way. And a last chapter highlights plants and stones together, natural companions in a garden. *The Spirit of Stone* is an essential idea book for anyone looking to add dimension and resilience to their landscape - the tips and photos will inspire designers, homeowners, gardeners, and stonemasons alike.

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"The Spirit of Stone is overflowing with both inspiration and instruction on how to use stone creatively in the landscape. Jan Johnsen, a renowned landscape designer, focuses in on the soulfulness, authenticity, beauty, and practicality of stonework in an outdoor setting. Filled with practical tips and outstanding photos, *The Spirit of Stone* is a delightful celebration of the versatility of this solid, durable rock." - Fran Sorin, author, *Digging Deeper* In the same loving and

passionate spirit – she brought garden and design lovers – Heaven is a Garden, Jan Johnsen now brings us – The Spirit of Stone. – This book provides insights and photos of every possible way to use stone in your garden: as accents, as art, as walls, as drainage, as steps, with plants, or for paths. – When she was a college student in Kyoto, Japan, Johnsen developed a true appreciation for stone accents and how they can unify a design without distracting from the overall space. In – The Spirit of Stone, she shares her appreciation and design insights with readers. – Jim Peterson, – Publisher, – Garden Design – magazine Celebrated garden author and landscape designer, Jan Johnsen has sifted her sophisticated natural stone expertise into a clearly written and companionable guide to stone gardening success. – Readers will be rewarded with time tested methods to design and build with stone and a personal tour of rock gardens throughout the world from this world-renowned landscape design expert. – I predict Spirit of Stone will be treasured by beginners and garden experts alike – – Miriam Goldberger, author, – Taming Wildflowers – From rock-solid tips on the practical aspects of creating stone walkways and the like, to fascinating insights into why we are so drawn to such structures, Jan Johnsen leaves no stone unturned in introducing readers to the wonderful world of masonry. Her marriage of hardscape and horticulture assures – The Spirit of Stone – a rock-star status on your gardening bookshelf. – David Beaulieu, – Landscaping Expert for About.com – – – "As a horticulturist, I must have seen a thousand gardens and not one stone. Fortunately, after reading The Spirit of Stone, I now have "rock awareness" as Jan – calls it and I can now see – I even went back to photos I took -- that the stones were there all along." – Peggy Riccio, Gardening Products Review Johnsen has written a detailed book that is enjoyable to read. Topics range from cactus rock gardens to gravel paths to karensansui – – a Japanese – – "dry landscape. – • Inspirational photographs and installation instruction dominate the text, culminating in a plant pallet at the end. Those who are curious about using more stones in their landscape – – including those curious about rock gardening as a style – – will very much enjoy The Spirit of Stone. (Esther Jackson NYBG Blog) If you are planning a project this season, The Spirit of Stone is worth reading before you get started. It will change your perspective on the role of rocks and gravel in your garden. (Christy Wilhelmi Gardenerd) If you weren't already sold on incorporating stone into your garden, this book – – its inspiring images and eloquent descriptions will convince you. (Pam Penick Digging)" This book is filled with ideas for adding small to large stones to gardens to enhance their beauty." (Joanne Kempinger Demski Journal Sentinel) The Spirit of Stone by Jan Johnsen is a great gardening book for gifting that offers tips and project ideas for including stone elements in your

gardening landscapes.[Johnsen] has clearly taken her experiences with varied types of stone and turned them into ideas for utilitarian, decorative and accent elements in the garden. Her book comes with instructions for making dry stream beds, stone steps, walkways and rock gardens. (Pat Leuchtman The Recorder (MA)/Commonweeder blog)"As a horticulturist, I must have seen a thousand gardens and not one stone. Fortunately, after reading The Spirit of Stone, I now have "rock awareness" as Jan calls it and I can now see that I even went back to photos I took that the stones were there all along." (Peggy Riccio Gardening Product Review)In The Spirit of Stone, Jan presents a richly photographed guide to the many creative ways that durable stone and gravel can be used in a garden. (Stephanie Rose Garden Therapy)

"Johnsen's intimate relationship with stone, honed over a long design career, shines through every page of this practical guide to using stone in residential gardens. Perhaps more importantly, she explains why this most elemental of materials creates a timeless sensuality that no other garden material can." ~ Carolyn Mullet, designer; on Facebook: "Garden Design by Carolyn Mullet" "The Spirit of Stone is an insightful look into the many ways of using natural stone in a garden. Jan's crisp descriptions and wonderful photographs open our eyes to the unique addition of this material in all its forms into landscapes." ~ Bill Thomas, Executive Director, Chanticleer Garden, author of The Art of Gardening "Celebrated garden author and landscape designer Jan Johnsen has distilled her sophisticated natural stone expertise into a clearly written, companionable guide to stone gardening success. I predict The Spirit of Stone will be treasured by beginners and garden experts alike." ~ Miriam Goldberger, author of Taming Wildflowers "The Spirit of Stone is an elegant paean to the use of stone in the garden. Jan Johnsen explores the rich traditions in using stone by artists and craftsmen through the age, and provides helpful suggestions for today's garden enthusiasts." ~ Robert E. Grese, Director, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum; "Professor, University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment" Jan Johnsen leaves no stone unturned in introducing readers to the wonderful world of masonry. Her marriage of hardscape and horticulture assures The Spirit of Stone rock-star status on your gardening bookshelf." ~ David Beaulieu, Landscaping expert for About.com "In the same loving and passionate spirit with which she brought garden and design lovers Heaven is a Garden, Jan Johnsen now brings us The Spirit of Stone. This book provides insights and photos of every possible way to use stone in your garden: as accents, as art, as walls, as drainage, as steps, with plants or for paths." ~ Jim Peterson, Publisher, Garden

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~ Richard Alomar, RLA, ASLA, Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University

As a landscape designer, I am always looking for new books for inspiration. I can easily find great books about plants, but I have been waiting for a comprehensive book about stone and how to use it in landscapes for many years. "The Spirit of Stone" is the book I have been waiting for. This beautifully photographed book gives ideas for simple projects for home gardeners as well as more challenging designs for professionals. It is a pleasure to read, with practical tips blended with design concepts for many styles of landscapes. "The Spirit of Stone" is a book I will use as a reference often, and I will be giving copies to many of my friends, clients and students

This book is inspirational to both the beginner and the Master landscaper! It makes a great book to read as well as to present as a gift to just about anyone. What an Inspiration Jan Johnsen is in the world of nature!!!

This is the second book that I bought from this author. Her first book was Heaven is a Garden and I loved her insight both artistically and practically. She clearly is an artist of the land which I love! Her photos truly tell the story. Her newest book gave me great insight as to the best use for stones in my garden which I really never previously considered. I love this book! I cannot wait for her next.

the most beautiful gardens i have ever seen in this book! true artwork and such , such beautiful landscaping! very inspired by this book! highly recommend!

Fantastic! A wonderful resource with extensive, in-depth information accompanied with beautiful photos...a must read to encourage the creative spirit.....Diane.

Jan has written another wonderful book. It is full of inspirational ideas for the homeowner and professional alike. I can highly recommend it to all. It reads easily and is full of great ideas and resources.

Beautiful book with great illustrations and ideas to suit all budgets and abilities of DIY.

I got a lot out of Johnsen's previous book, "Heaven is a Garden," so I must say that I had high expectations for "The Spirit of Stone." My initial reaction is that I wish she had finished it sooner. I completed several design contracts last year that involved extensive stone work, and there is information in this book that would have helped each of them. Johnsen's greatest talents as a designer are her ability to immediately recognize the innate purpose of a given space and her incomparable vocabulary of various design elements, both living and innate. And every one of her designs that I have visited features exceptional stonework. But what makes her an incredibly successful practicing designer is her ability to explain form and function in ways that the uninitiated can easily grasp. All of these are products of decades of experience and a deep seated passion for garden design as an art form. They are also what make her classes and lectures so popular with those looking at a career in landscape design. And with those who just want to make sense of their own back yard. I would recommend "The Spirit of Stone" to either group. I related to Johnsen speaking of "having a soft spot for hard rock." So do I. Her latest book is packed with information - practical, informative, and sometimes just interesting. From detailing the pros and cons of various types of stone and gravel materials, to new suggestions on how to use them, to fascinating asides on specific individual or famous stones and the work of world-class artists and designers, her passion for the subject matter is contagious. Hundreds of beautiful photos (a fair percentage from her own work), charts and diagrams shed further light on each topic. I have no doubt that after reading this I will be using more stone in my own design practice. After reading this book, you will too. It's that good. It's that comprehensive. It's that fun to read. And, if you love working with stone in the garden or if you'd like to be the ideal handbook on the subject.

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