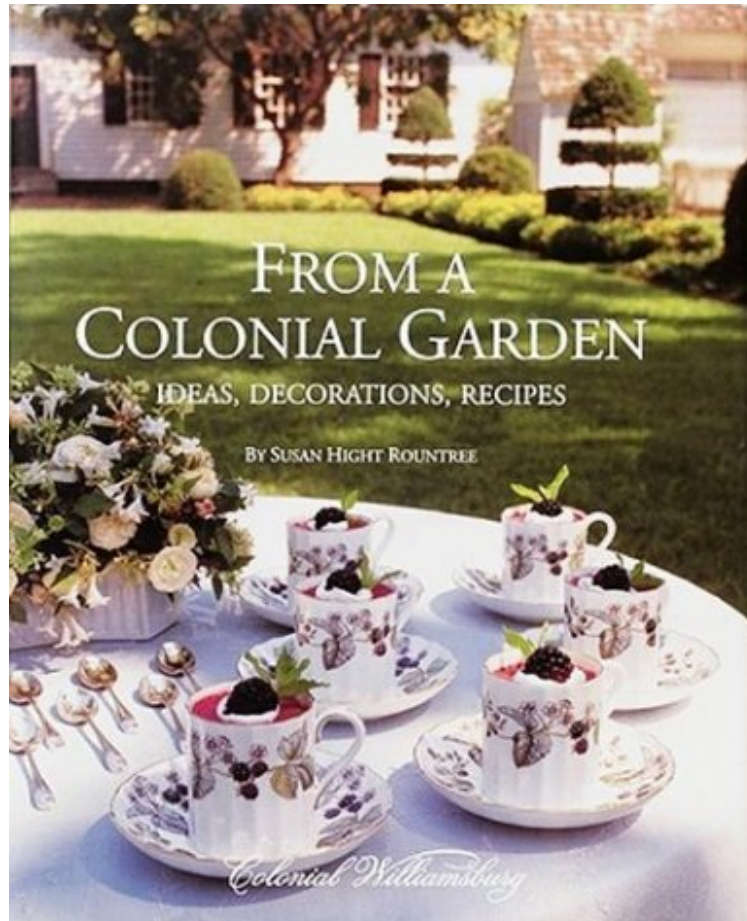


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there!! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Love it! By K. Pablo I got this book just as a resource to make a few recipes and table decs for a colonial tea. After paging through the first section, I was hooked -- read the book straight through, and the next day did the same thing all over again. This is a gorgeous, creativity-boosting reference, with unusual ideas and lots of historically inspired recipes. It's already one of my favorite entertaining books!

Colonial Williamsburg's renowned gardens have always played a major role in the life of the town. Their beauty and bounty inspired *From a Colonial Garden*. The author harvests a wealth of clearly written and illustrated entertaining and decorating how-to's and recipes from these famous gardens. *From a Colonial Garden*, with its myriad of ideas, deserves a special place on the bookshelf of any host, hostess, or gardener

From the Publisher Author Susan Hight Rountree's latest work follows the best-seller tradition of her two earlier books, *Christmas Decorations from Williamsburg* and *Entertaining Ideas from Williamsburg*, published by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Using the beauty and bounty of Colonial Williamsburg's renowned gardens as inspiration, Rountree harvests a wealth of clearly written and illustrated entertaining and decorating how-tos and recipes appropriate for any season of the year. *From a Colonial Garden* includes seasonal garden projects that suggest myriad ways to use flowers, fruits, herbs, and foliage, including a spring colonial garden for a mantel or a summer berry topiary. Autumn brings a harvest brunch to the table and a pumpkin snowman to delight Halloween trick-or-treaters. Celebrate the holidays with a selection of five themed special trees or create unusual wreaths, swags, and cones. Rountree also explores new ways to use the tried-and-true holiday floral forms any time of the year. *From a Colonial Garden* offers year-round life to the traditional fruit cone, the very essence of a Williamsburg Christmas, with a fruit and berry garland or a summer centerpiece that brings fiery color to the table. A special section on weddings provides ideas for summer and winter receptions, bridal showers and rehearsal dinners, and party favors to create the perfectly memorable event. The volume features lush color photography by Tom Green, Colonial Williamsburg staff photographer and member of the Professional Photographers of America. Illustrations are by Elizabeth Hundley Babb, the skilled artist whose how-to drawings illustrated Rountree's earlier books on Christmas decorations and entertaining ideas. The hardbound 224-page volume with 287 photographs, 24 color how-to illustrations and 11 black-and-white drawings is available for \$24. Established in 1926, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is the not-for-profit educational institution that operates the restored eighteenth-century capital of Virginia. Known worldwide as the nation's largest living history museum, Colonial Williamsburg recently was recognized as the Best Historic Site by readers of *Southern Living* magazine for the seventh straight year. Colonial Williamsburg is located 150 miles south of Washington, D.C., off Interstate 64.

*From the Inside Flap* Colonial Williamsburg's renowned gardens have always played a major role in the life of the town. Their beauty and bounty inspired Susan Hight Rountree's latest book, *From a Colonial Garden: Ideas, Decorations, Recipes*. The author of two best sellers, *Christmas Decorations from Williamsburg* and *Entertaining Ideas from Williamsburg*, Mrs. Rountree harvests from the restored capital's gardens a wealth of clearly written and illustrated entertaining and decorating how-tos and recipes. Seasonal garden projects suggest many ways to use flowers, fruits, herbs, and foliage. Discover how easy it is to make a spring colonial garden for a mantel and a floral-decorated hoop, or a summer berry topiary. Learn how to prepare an Easter cake with strawberry and lemon filling, a Cheshire cheese hedgehog, or plantation rum punch. Fall brings a cornhusk wreath to your door, a harvest brunch to your table, and a pumpkin snowman to delight trick-or-treaters. You can celebrate the holidays with a special tree; five different themes are featured. Or, create unusual wreaths, swags, and cones. New ways to use old forms any time of the year, such as topiaries, wreaths, cones, and candle adapters, are included. You will learn ways to plant a living or portable topiary or create a "faux" topiary with fresh and dried plant materials. A cranberry and kumquat garland gives a new look to the traditional fruit cone, the very essence of a Williamsburg Christmas. This same form can be used covered in the summer with a variety of peppers to bring fire to your table. Use the special section on weddings with ideas on summer and winter receptions, a shower, a rehearsal dinner, bridal flowers, and favors to create the perfect event. You can make a gift to give anyone who appreciates gardens or gardening from the final section on gift suggestions. *From a Colonial Garden*, with its myriad of ideas, deserves a special place on any gardener's bookshelf.

About the Author Susan Hight Rountree, author of the popular *Entertaining Ideas from Williamsburg* and *Christmas Decorations from Williamsburg*, is a miniaturist and freelance designer. Inspired by the variety of plant materials in Colonial Williamsburg's many gardens, Mrs. Rountree uses them, often in combination with favorite objects, to create unusual table settings and other decorations appropriate for all seasons, as well as in recipes, and as gifts. She has designed special Christmas trees for the Williamsburg Inn and has presented workshops, lectures, and demonstrations on making miniatures and seasonal decorations, cooking with herbs, and creating designs for entertaining. The author is a member of the Garden Club of Virginia, the Herb Society of America, and the International Guild of Miniature Artisans. Elizabeth Hundley Babb, whose illustrations also appear in *Entertaining Ideas from Williamsburg* and *Christmas Decorations from Williamsburg*, is a skilled artist and floral arranger. She has won numerous awards for her paintings and is a member of the Miniature Painters, Sculptors, and Carvers Society of Washington, D.C. An avid gardener, and a member of the Herb Society of America, she is the

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