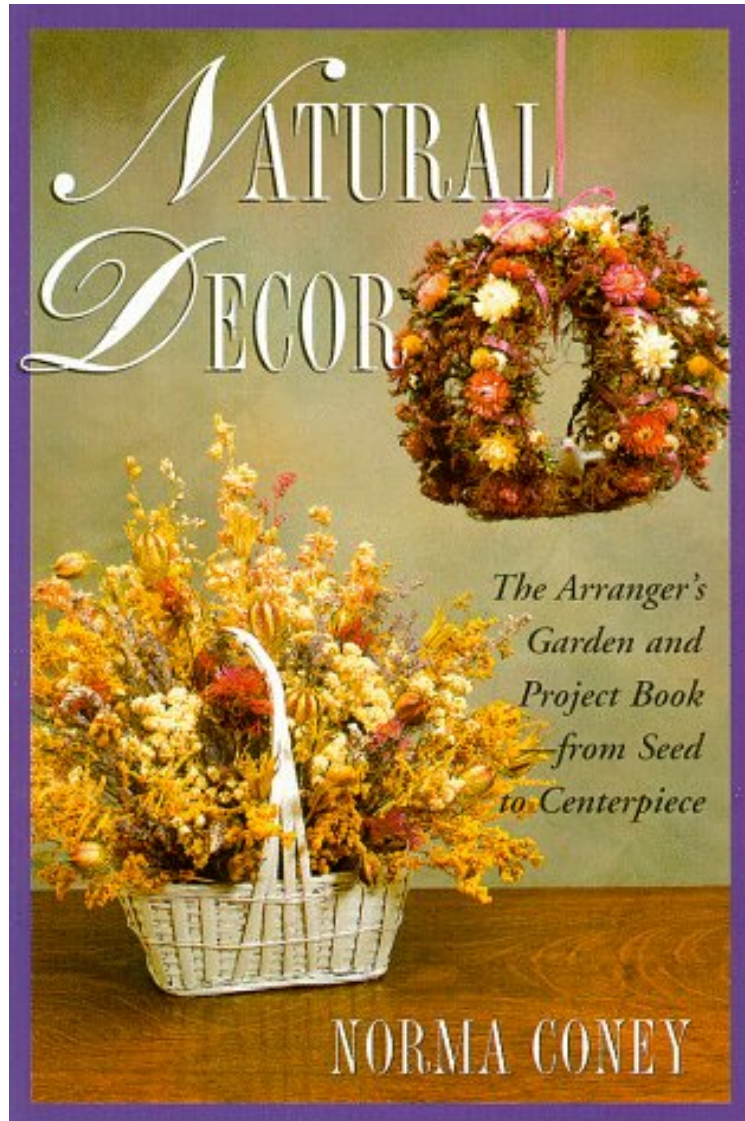


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**Norma Coney : Natural Decor: The Natural Arranger's Garden and Project Book** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Natural Decor: The Natural Arranger's Garden and Project Book:

A beautiful full-color guide to projects, identification, growing, harvesting, and tools and techniques.

.com In times past, folks imbued the natural materials in their homes with symbolic meaning, such as a sheaf of wheat to represent a bountiful harvest. Some of these traditions still survive--kissing under the mistletoe, for instance--but nowadays people can enjoy a tremendous variety of natural materials in their decor for the sheer beauty of it. Stocked with gardening and crafting information, this little volume explains in detail how to grow and harvest your own flowers, herbs, and other naturals, along with methods for drying and storing your crop. The general techniques section lists the necessary supplies and lays the groundwork on working with floral picks; forming bases for wreaths, centerpieces, and swags; and wiring garlands. The design section offers 40 step-by-step projects that celebrate the seasons (living herb centerpiece, summer flower basket, fall harvest wreath, Victorian Christmas wreath) or grace the wall and table any time (artemesia or birch bark swag, rosebud heart, seashell wreath). The photos, unfortunately, are rather uninspired; the designs are pretty, if a bit on the traditional side. Overall, the book's strengths lie more in its gardening than its crafting sections. --Amy Handy

From the Back Cover

From wreaths to topiaries, centerpieces to kissing balls, *Natural Dcor* describes simple and clear ways to make your own natural dcor - whether you choose urban sophistication or rustic charm. Chapters include identifying flowers, foliage, grasses, herbs, pods, cones, and other odds and ends used in arrangements; growing, harvesting, and storing your own dried flowers, and how to collect them from wild places; the floral arranger's tool chest and techniques arrangers should know - from dyeing flowers to making a hand-wired wreath. Part Three is graced with beautiful photographs of forty special projects for all-season designs, holiday and winter designs, and spring and summer designs. Each project includes a list of materials and step-by-step instructions. This all-color guide brings to the reader the ancient custom of beautifying the home with nature's bounty. It's a must for gardeners, craftspeople, and anyone who enjoys nature's gifts. (6 X 9, 176 pages, color photos, charts)