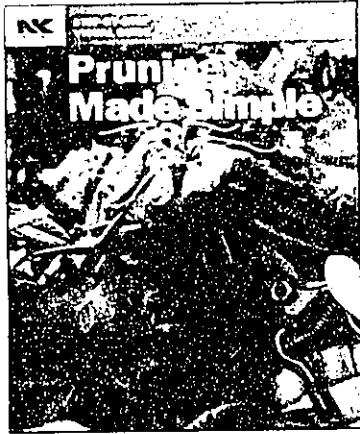


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Learn why and how to prune



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"Pruning Made Simple" is available at local Handy Andy Home Centers; Young's Garden Mart, Warren; Allmons Landscape Center, Detroit; Turner's Greenhouse & Garden Center, Ann Arbor.

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Like many of you, I've spent the winter planning the changes and additions to my garden. Last year I kind of let nature take its course and go wild, to see what her tendencies are.

This year, I have "a plan" and I've even begun starting some of my chosen plants from seed. Those of you who have never done this probably think of me as brave! But I know that many of you who have nurtured those tiny little seeds, are chuckling to yourselves right now! And you're right. I sometimes wonder myself if it is worth the effort!

While the lupine and shasta daisies are well on their way, I was a little overzealous in watering the cosmos! Apparently, too little water or the other needed elements, and your seeds won't germinate. Too much, and they'll grow too fast. I've since started all over again with my cosmos -- from seed!

I've learned that while nature likes to go it's own way, there's still a delicate balance that must be met. Likewise, we each have our sense of balance -- in our lives, in our homes, and in our gardens.

Hopefully, this first issue of Home & Garden, which appears today, April 7, 1994 in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, provides you with some ideas and helpful hints for bringing some balance, color and organization into your spring!

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