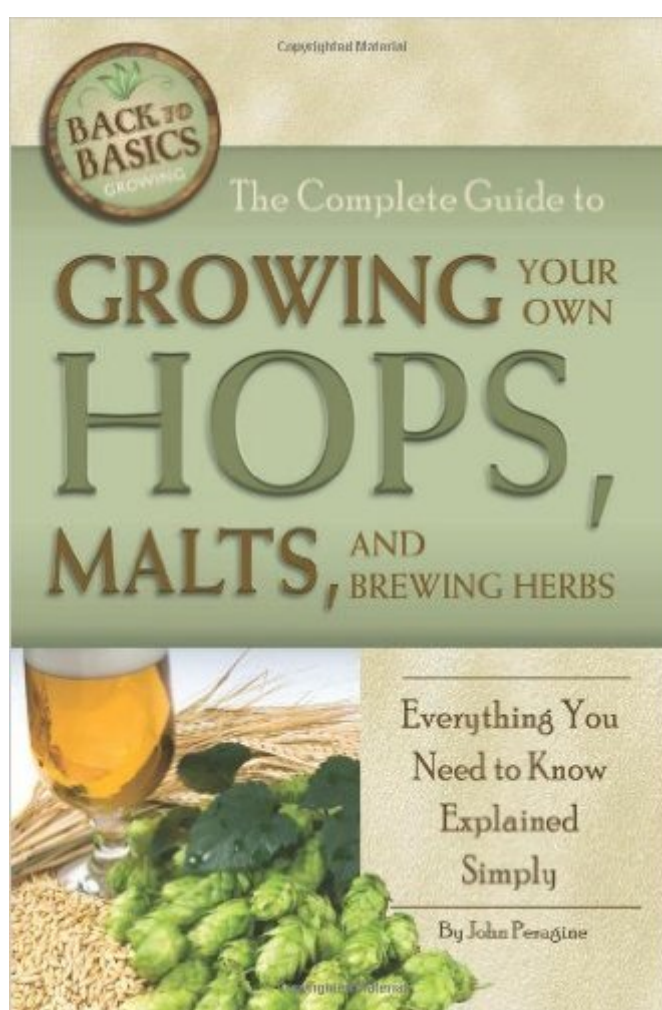


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# The Complete Guide To Growing Your Own Hops, Malts, And Brewing Herbs: Everything You Need To Know Explained Simply (Back-To-Basics) (Back To Basics Growing)



## Synopsis

Beer is one of the most complex alcoholic drinks with some beers having more than thirty ingredients and most of them requiring the proper mixture and amounts of the right hops, malts, and herbs to taste just right. For anyone considering creating their own beer, one of the most fun and effective ways of acquiring all of these ingredients is to grow your own hops, malts and herbs and experiment in mixing them together. But, with more than fifty kinds of hops alone and hundreds of brewing herbs at your disposal, knowing what you should grow and how to grow it can be quite hard. This book will guide any prospective brew master through the process of growing their own brewing ingredients from inception to harvesting. You will learn all of the many advantages to growing your own beer materials, starting with the control you have over the maturity, strength, types, and volume of those materials. You will learn how to home grow your own hops, with detailed instructions and information about the taste and effect of more than a dozen different strains of hops. You will also learn which grains and malts are used in beer making and how you can start growing your own depending on your needs and your location. You will learn how to concoct your own brewing herbs and finally how to start combining everything into the ideal mixtures to form your own beer. Beer experts from professional brew masters to backyard microbrewers have been interviewed and asked how to best utilize these methods and their insights have been provided to you to help get you through the complex process of beer growing and production. You will learn the proper measurements and conversions for everything you will make as well as being given a source list for every possible supply that might be needed. Finally, you will be provided with a list of the top homegrown recipes for beer available, allowing you to create and enjoy your very own brews in the comfort of your home.

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## Customer Reviews

I picked this book up as a companion to Fisher and Fisher's *The Homebrewers Garden*. I am always on the lookout for any book that talks about home malting. There are very few out there. This book expands on home malting and hop growing in a meaningful way. The practical chapter on yeast ranching is clear and well explained. Unfortunately, this book is flawed. It is filled with an annoying amount of typos. The chapter on brewing herbs is mislabeled, chocolate malt is listed as 20 Lovibond, and plant is misspelled several times among other issues. There are several factual errors about the brewing process. The chapters on malt, hops, and reasoning behind growing your own are great. The chapters on herbs, recipes, and brewing process are lacking. The chapter on herbs is basically a spreadsheet with all the facts, except how the herb affects taste. There are few recipes using the herbs listed in the book. The chapters on basic brewing and equipment seem unneeded. Growing your own ingredients is an advanced topic for homebrewers and they probably know how to brew if they pick up this book. Overall, the book is good for malting and hops. The current list of suppliers of seeds, herbs, and other things mentioned in the book is very useful. The idea for a community beer garden is fantastic. The editing is distracting. The brewing chapters and herb chapter feel like padding. I would recommend this book for malting, hops, and an introduction to yeast ranching. If you are looking for a book on brewing herbs, then you should look elsewhere.

Growing HOPS lead me to believe that the book was mainly about the growing of hops. Instead, it was more about the beer brewing process and how hops, malts, etc. played a role in this. Needless to say, my husband and I found it less than informative regarding growing the different varieties of hops.....

This is for the very beginning gardener and brewer. Ideas and concepts are interesting, but the level of the writing is sub high school. If you know how to use a shovel and plant tomatoes you will skip large sections of this book. I am only half way through and if how I feel changes, then I will rewrite this review.

This book has super huge font for the blind as a bat reader. It is very informative but in some ways remedial. If you're an advanced brewer you'll find yourself skimming over a lot of elementary information. For the novice home brewer and home brew gardener it's a great 0-60mph book. For the "been doing it a while but want to expand" reading the whole thing cover to cover is tedious and numbing with intermittent A-HA moments. Seriously. One page you'll be reading what an Alpha acid is, which for home brewers should be elementary, and on the next you'll be breaking down soil chemistry complete with pH guides and the whole bit. SO, great, perfect, excellent for a beginner, good for an intermediate, helpful for an advanced brewer who wants to get into the hops growing side. Just be forewarned your getting a lot you already know in addition.

What makes this book so great is that it easily explains everything you need to know on brewing beer and growing ingredients to make beer. I have been brewing for 2 years, and found through reading this book there are easier and less expensive techniques; they aren't going to tell you about them at the home-brew store. If you are thinking of brewing or growing for brew, start here. You will end up saving a lot of money in the long run; this makes me very happy. Amateurs: he will explain everything you need to know in the simplest way possible, this will give you a greater understand of why and what is happening with out feeling like you are in a Microbiology class.

Maybe it's the Kindle edition formatting but this is a pretty tough read. The introduction is excessively long and wandering with constant referrals to where else you can find information. There is good information in here but use it as a companion to Homebrewer's Garden by Fisher.

A friend gave me this as I am thinking of cultivating hops. The title of this book is completely misleading. The book says very little about growing hops. Of 327 pages only 17 said anything about growing. Much better resources available on line from hop growing clubs.

As some other reviewers have mentioned, this book does indeed have some useful information on topics that are not often covered in homebrewing literature. So bravo for that. However, the style of writing and apparent total lack of editing make this very tough to read at times. Typos, repetition, self-contradictions and frequent topical detours onto fringe subjects (that quite arguably would have been better left to other books) are common, and detract from the reading experience and overall usefulness of the book. I will keep this book around to reference as needed, but it may lose its place on the bookshelf if I can find similar information organized better elsewhere.

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