



Garden Troughs Create Your Own Trough through CSU Extension Classes

It's a concept that became popular in Britain at the turn of the century when horse troughs were replaced with metal tubs, thus leaving a lot of rectangular stone containers around the landscape.

Creative gardeners saw the potential for using these troughs to grow miniature gardens. Owners of country homes used a collection of planted troughs to define boundaries of vegetable gardens. Now, they are sought after by container gardeners for growing alpines and other small plants.

A technique for making artificial stone troughs was developed in the 1980s. It uses "hypertufa," a mixture of Portland cement, sphagnum peat moss and perlite, reinforced with chicken wire.

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This class was held at CSU Extension
Conference Room-Norwood, 5/2010
Class cost was approximately \$40,
Includes Materials, Plants and Soil

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Materials for class includes dish pan

*You learn to make and design your own trough.
Leave it to set up and then return in two weeks to put
in soil and plants

*Learn about trough gardening and plants suitable for
trough gardening

If you thought there was no new gardening ideas under
the sun, you likely haven't been introduced to trough
gardening.