

Healing Gardens

Therapeutic Benefits and Design Recommendations

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Nutzen wir die Heilkräfte der Natur als Ergänzung der Therapie mit Medikamenten oder technischen Mitteln! Eine Möglichkeit bietet die Anlage von heilenden Gärten, ein Thema, das sich unter Architekten und Landschaftsplanern zunehmender Beliebtheit erfreut. Photographien öffentlicher und privater derartiger Parks, Lagepläne und Checklisten für Nachahmungswillige ergänzen in diesem Buch die Ausführungen eines Experten. (04/99)

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