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Complete Home Decorating Book



Synopsis

Learn how to achieve a professional look without using a decorator. The Complete Home Decorating Book is a new kind of interior decorating book. It is a practical reference guide and an inspirational sourcebook to every decorative technique that today's homeowner needs. At every turn of the page you will find eye-catching, irresistible ideas explained through step-by-step photography -- from making curtains and edging pillowcases to papering ceilings and using patterned tiles. Not only will you find all the principal instructions arranged easily for quick reference, but also a wide variety of finishes to suit every taste. The Complete Home Decorating Book begins with all the essential equipment and sewing techniques. Following this are step-by-step instructions for innovative projects such as piped and corded cushions, decorated shades, and paper- and fabric-covered lampshades. There is advice on choosing fabric types and their suitability for different uses. The second section of the book deals with hard surface decoration -- from wall papering, tiling, and putting up shelves to ideas for lighting and types of flooring. Techniques for painting walls, ceilings, and woodwork are covered in detail. There is a comprehensive section on special paint effects, including dragging, rag-rolling, stenciling, and glazing. Throughout there is a strong emphasis on choosing the appropriate techniques for the situation, and on proper preparation and fault-correction methods. The Complete Home Decorating Book is the homeowner's ultimate decorating reference book. It's never been easier to be stylish and creative.

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Customer Reviews

This book is about the techniques involved in doing your own decorating, such as hanging your own wallpaper, doing stencilling, covering your sofas, etc. It really isn't an idea book, there aren't any room layouts, etc. But if you have an idea of what you want to do, this helps with the techniques to do it yourself. LOTS of pictures.

Great resource for home decorators. Shows how to make different styles of curtains, tablecloths, bedspreads, etc., faux finishing painting techniques, wallpapering, staining, etc. I borrowed it from the library and am now looking to buy it - it's that good.

This book starts with the sewing basics that many of us may not have been interested in learning until we actually had our own place that needed to be decorated. So, if you don't know the first thing about sewing, but would like to learn you may want to purchase this book. I think it has the best sewing instructions of any book that I've ever seen before. Or, if you want to know the proper way to wallpaper, paint or set tiles, the instructions are all here. The excellent attention given to detail, and the clear pictures makes this one of the very best practical teaching guides on the market today. There are chapters on Curtains, Shades, Bedding, Cushions, Simple Upholstery, Tiling, Table Linen, Lampshades, Painting, Wallpapering, Lighting and Houseplants. The directions are concise and the photographs show all of the projects step-by-step. This book is so good that I've purchased two to use as gifts.

I found this book on a friend's bookshelf when visiting her, and I thought the step by step instructions were very good for pillows and mitred corners. Once I saw the copyright date, I wasn't sure I could find it, and how pleased I was to find it, and the condition of the book was great and it will grace my sewing bookshelf for many years with frequent uses.

Any book Nicholas Barnard authors on home decorating or designing of interiors I would suggest you purchase. It is well worth the money. If you are re-decorating your home on a budget, and can sew, but can't afford a professional decorator, purchase this book. It has great tips for home stagers or real estate agents that need to show clients how to paint different surfaces and different paint effects, how to remove wallpaper, how to tile, how to mount shelving, how to get different effects from lighting, choosing houseplants and so much more.

I borrowed the book from the library and found it to be an excellent reference. The step-by-step

directions with pictures give guidance to those who want to complete "do it yourself" home decorating projects. The book covers so much, from basic sewing techniques and terms to making your own lampshades. This is one I want to purchase.

Great info on many projects that I do.

Great tips.

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