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Country Living Cottage Style



Synopsis

Now more than ever, you can give any home, anywhere that cozy cottage feel. This charming guide--updated, expanded, and redesigned, with additional text and photographs, and four brand-new house tours--features traditional takes and fresh twists on country style, ranging from a California bungalow furnished in flea market finds to a New York apartment straight out of the English countryside. The lavish photographs are as educational as they are inspirational: use them as models to copy in your home.

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Customer Reviews

Country Living magazine is known for its range of decorating and design books, and this latest volume by Hueston (Country Living's Guide to the Best Flea Markets) focuses on the popular cottage style. Conjuring up images of English chintz, patchwork quilts, slipcovers and easy comfortable living, the style can be applied anywhere, from rooms in New York apartments or California bungalows to coastal retreats and holiday homes. Lavishly illustrated with carefully captioned full-color photographs throughout, the volume is divided into six sections covering the four major living areas (living rooms, kitchens and dining areas, bedrooms, and bathrooms) before concluding with a chapter of quick fixes (an assortment of easy decorating ideas ranging from vintage tablecloths to canning jars as flower vases). Each main area is described, with examples of

the cottage feel given and suggestions made for conveying its flavor to fit various scenarios. Scattered throughout are individual pages covering "Quintessential Cottage" ranging from window seats to Dutch doors and cast-iron bed frames that harken to a bygone age. With relatively little text, this slim book relies on the photos and their captions to explain each design element, which it accomplishes with modest success. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Country Living is the largest selling shelter magazine on the newsstand and the definitive guide to country lifestyle. In the pages of the magazine, readers find the inspiration and the confidence they need to pursue their passions--and create a comfortable life for themselves and their families. Marie Proeller Hueston is a longtime contributing editor to Country Living, reporting on collecting and decorating trends. She is the author of several decorating books, including the original edition of Country Living Cottage Style, as well as Country Living Farmhouses, and House Beautiful Decorating with Books, all published by Hearst Books. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Not bad. A little bit dated, a bit cluttery. Some of the elements of cottage design have not changed that much. The accessories have of course, changed the most. Some of these pictures seem familiar, so probably were in the magazine at one time. It is nice that this book is divided into chapters of rooms. It is fun to look through.

Good book.

This is a really gorgeous book. I love it! There are many different styles represented here but always faithful to the idea (which I hold), that cottage homes should be cozy and informal, a place to relax by a fire, sip cocoa, and read a good book. These are such homes. The cottages are uniformly charming and with emphasis on light, airy rooms. I like that. The photography is also beautifully done. A great choice for anyone who loves the small cottage lifestyle.

The wife borrowed this from the library, and got tired of renewing it, so I bought this copy for her. She loves it and every time she picks it up she finds something different that she likes. She bought a foreclosure and this book gives her lots of ideas.

I was excited to read the Country Living Cottage Style book thinking the cute, cottage cover would

reflect the content of the book. Silly me! As the old adage goes "never judge a book by its cover." I have picked up the book numerous times to read and peruse and just not felt inspired or enlightened by the material covered and the photos. It just would've been fun to see some more contemporary interpretations of the cottage style. Next time I look for a cottage design book I'll review the pages on-line first and pay more attention to customer reviews.

This book is fine as long as you agree that "Cottage" style encompasses only furniture with white slip covers. There are much better and more imaginative books out there. Don't bother with this one.

Pretty book; a bit too country for me. Pinterest is sort of replacing all these - so I am keeping a limited set of books on decorating as keepsakes. I think I will keep this one

Very nice decorating book.

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