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Easy Cottage Style: Comfortable Interiors For Country Living



Synopsis

Country Style is associated with simple, natural comforts--the warm glow of a winter fire of floral fabrics swaying in a cool summer breeze at an open window. As Liz Bauwens and Alexandra Campbell show, these are features that can be recreated in all types of home. Every room can be given its own taste of rustic charm: the kitchen made warm and comfortable, the bedroom soft and romantic, the living room natural and tranquil. With chapters looking at ways of bringing the country into a city home, creating a relaxed kitchen, and choosing colors and fabrics, "Easy Cottage Style" shows you how easily traditional styles can be transformed to enhance relaxed modern living. - Learn how to give your interiors comfort and warmth with fabrics, colors and materials normally found far from the city. - Includes easy-to-follow projects for country-inspired furnishings and decorations. - Exquisite photography by Simon Brown

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Customer Reviews

I was surprised that this book was more "country" than "cottage". However, getting past that - I found that there were great pictures with good descriptions and decorating advice and they pointed out why they did things. There was nothing fussy and their ideas could be done with a good eye, some book guidance and a low budget. With this book you don't have to be a designer. You can do it yourself and have fun without worrying about the cost. The homes (not cottages) shown are to die for! And, this book brings out skills used to enhance their little quirks. Unlike some other books in this class, the text matches and explains the pictures without running over the page so you are not

continually flapping forward and back.

At first read, I wished I'd just gotten this book from my local library. It seemed unlikely to be a book I would refer to for inspiration and ideas. Some of the interiors were downright dingy and depressing (the kitchen from all scraps and found materials just looked like you'd expect it to look-cold, uninviting and plain ghastly). The cover picture is the most fetching / captivating photo of the entire book. (I considered returning this book weighing cost of shipping back vs. money already spent and decided on keeping). I have since reread it and have to admit the author has some gem interior decorating insights--who new pink/rose walls could be a warm neutral? I like the emphasis on using old and found/recycled materials. If you are a fan of the Shabby Chic series this book may greatly appeal to you, and unlike the author of the Shabby series, this author is much more humble and does not feature or focus primarily on her home, business and associates. Underwhelming but with some valuable interior decorating insight

Filled with ideas for Cottage owners and those who want to be, very great ideas for organization and decorating, absolutely wonderful and also great to have on the coffee table so others can take a peek if they liked too!!

I tend to collect books on subjects that interest me and out of the millions of cottage style books out there, this one is a winner. Easy Cottage Style is filled with light and color with stimulating furniture and textile stylings that will urge you to revisit this book again and again. A great addition to your collection and a treasure trove of fresh design ideas for your home.

This book has the best decorating tips that I have found in many Cottage Style books. The ideas are simple and easy to follow. I love the details in shelving and color coordination. I would recommend this book to any colleagues interested in cottage design.

I purchased this book based on reviews posted and I am not disappointed. It's a blend of cottage and country styles. After going through the text, the beautiful photos will continue to enchant me.

Basically my review title says it all. I wish someone had mentioned in the reviews the fact that this book was photographed in the UK, instead of the US, because although cottagy, it has a very foreign feeling to it. And of course all references are UK or Europe. The photos are nice, but I just

can't get into this book, because it just does not feel like home to me. Oh well. It will just sit on my shelves and gather dust I suppose.

Loved it. It was just what I was looking for for inspiration. Had great decorating ideas. I recommend it to anyone.

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