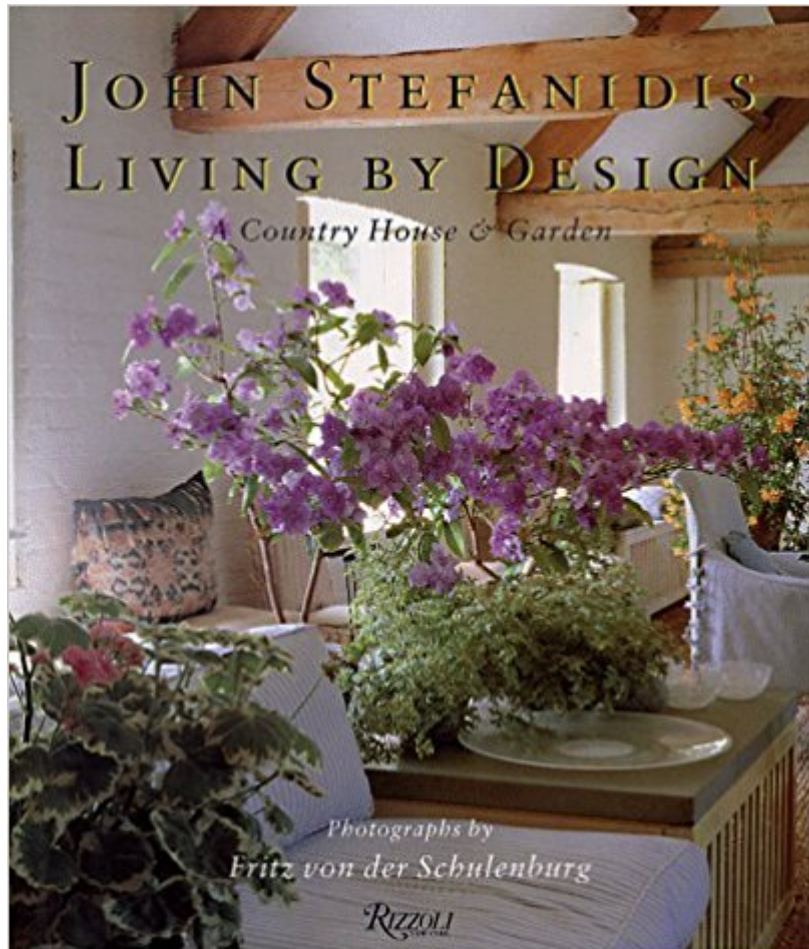


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# John Stefanidis Living By Design



## Synopsis

In this book, one of the world's leading designers takes us through his own country home and gardens as the ultimate example of his total concept of design. John Stefanidis began his career in London in 1967 and has designed homes all over the world for many prominent clients. His rustic country estate is a highly personalized adaptation of a number of farm buildings and the surrounding landscape. The Stefanidis trademarks are color and light, and he discusses his methods in detail in every room of the house as well as outdoors, showing how individual spaces are linked to the complete look. The garden complements the perfection of the house. Botanical details and a planting plan, including the formal and informal gardens and the herb garden, accompany this section of the book.

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London-based John Stefanidis has always been a designer to watch. It's hard to believe he's now in his 70s. Much like Bunny William's book "An Affair with a House" this book chronicles the evolution of an abandoned English countryside cowshed and its surrounding acreage into a spectacular weekend and vacation home with a virtual paradise of a garden. Filled with books, interesting

corners and decked in every flowering plant brought in from the property's greenhouse to make you swoon with envy. The life of this adopted English country gentleman is full of reading, gardening, and get togethers with those lucky enough to be invited down for the weekend or an extended visit. Fine photography really captures the magic of the place.

John Stefanidis does live by design; and with purpose and clarity he also designed his home and gardens, with wonderful results. He used his own textile designs to good use throughout the home, which is indicative of a man who knows his own mind when it comes to design. The results of the transformation of old stables into a comfortable home are spectacularly simple, by design, making the home a most usable, gracious, and gentle environment for him. There are also numerous design elements which any would be designer/decorator could use to good advantage in their own homes.

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