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Flea Market Decorating: Creating Style With Vintage Finds (Better Homes & Gardens)



Synopsis

Do-it-yourself decorators will discover creative inspiration in this book, along with smart shopping tips and easy-to-follow guidelines for giving a room unique character and personality with vintage finds. Practical flea-market shopping advice. Hundreds of illustrated ideas for decorating with vintage finds, room by room. 275 inspiring color photos of homes and rooms featuring creative decorating ideas. Easy how-to for evaluating, salvaging, and refurbishing finds. Favorite flea markets and antique fairs around the country. Internet antiques-shopping tips, including the best sites for auctions, on-line antique malls, and state-by-state flea market guides.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent introduction to the hunting of old objects and the incorporation of those discoveries into a home. It is not, as the editors are quick to point out, a guide to cashing in on the next hot collectible; instead, it is filled with information about the how-tos of antiquing, eight examples of decor, room-by-room ideas, and notes about restoration. Pictures tell the stories well; an architect-collector talks about repurposing objects, exemplifying his philosophy by transforming antique faucet handles into towel holders. Every scrap of data is valuable, whether it's almost the technique of paste wax application to decorations or about purchasing old objects. Great for the just plain curious and the novice; a good refresher for the initiated. Barbara Jacobs

I love this book! If you like the look of rusty old garden furniture, faded textiles from the past, old pottery vases and bowls, and the charm of vintage furniture, then the illustrations in this book will strike a resounding chord. Just looking through it after a long day at work lifts my spirits and makes me feel better. The rooms shown in the photos make you want to walk right in, sit down, and relax. The text has many useful and valuable tips and advice for using vintage items in decorating, and also for cleaning, repairing, and restoring them. It has quickly become one of my favorite books, and I am very glad to have purchased it.

I was so excited to get this book because I LOVE to decorate and I see beauty in basically everything. I have tons and tons of ideas, but you can never have too many. I definitely agree with the other reviewer who said to check out the book before buying it- because like her, I didn't care for the book AT ALL- I actually HATED it! In all honesty, it was a book of crap- they did nothing with the finds to make them more appealing (they are ugly) and it still looks like crap in their house next to all the other garbage they got from flea markets. I didn't bother reading any of the text because the pictures spoke 1,000 horrible words. I love the better homes and gardens magazines called "100 decorating ideas under \$100". Now, this is a magazine I learn a lot from and they have beautiful and cheap ideas using garage sale and flea market finds. This book, on the other hand, I want to trash- wasn't worth the money I paid.

Had this book before and it was damaged in storage, so I had to get it again!

Love this

This book was published in 2000 and some of the decor seems dated. I didn't find anything exceptional here. However, if you adore flea market style, you might find some ideas you can use. I bought it for a design class on budget decorating.

My husband and I have collected vintage goods for years without having any real rhyme or reason for the things we fell in love with. The many pictures in this book gave us tons of ideas on how to mix things up a little bit! To be on the safe side, I bought this used and have no regrets; it's condition is near perfect.

Great find, especially for the price. I was impressed with all of the different ideas inside; they were not repetitive or obvious in any way. It's a good reference book if you find something of your own that you want to repurpose, and also good to take with you to flea markets or a goodwill to find "junk" that could be repurposed into something beautiful.

So many good ideas.

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