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Decorating With Color



Synopsis

Bring the world of color into your home. *Decorating with Color*, the latest from the editors of Martha Stewart Living , features eleven color palettes inspired by nature and everyday objects. Within each palette, whether honeycomb, sea glass, lustreware, or melon, you will discover how to create comfortable, inviting rooms that shelter and soothe. Color can be intimidating. Many of us rely on neutrals, unsure of how to combine stronger colors without having them clash. Yet for Martha Stewart, a house is not a home until it is filled with color. In *Decorating with Color*, Martha and the editors of Martha Stewart Living share the lessons they have learned over years of decorating hundreds of spaces. In some cases, changing the look of a room may be as simple as painting the inside of a kitchen cabinet blue or displaying a collection of sunny yellow pitchers atop a dark chest of drawers. Or you might choose a lively green for the bedroom walls but keep the fabrics and furniture understated. The eleven palettes in this book will help you recognize the colors and textures that add up to beautiful, cohesive rooms. In each chapter, you will find examples of paint chips, fabric swatches, and simple, stylish projects to inspire you whenever you decorate.

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Great book with so much to learn before decorate the rooms..thanks so much..

I find Martha Stewart's decorating styles and color palettes to be clean, classic, uncluttered, and calming. Her style is classic.

I like the ideas in the book and the color groupings.

This book is a good guide for putting together colors for decorating a home. The only thing I would have preferred is the colors of the actual paints used in the book. It would be nice to be able to reproduce the actual colors.

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Loved It

Like this book a lot. The colors she chooses are tasteful and serene. The problem is that several years after the housing collapse - all the upscale houses look like, well, Martha Stewart decorated them. Which obviously in an of itself is not bad. But it's bland, which is what they say you want when you sell a house. It's just not reflective of people looking for new trends in decorating. Not really "dated", per se - just REALLY safe.

Rich, velvety chocolate, beach glass, jonquils, blue skies, cotton candy, silver spoons, lavender sachets and seashells---if these are the images that bring you joy then this is the book you should

you shouldn't be without when making your color choices. If you oooh and ahh over Pottery Barn catalogs, then you have pretty good idea already of what to expect from the color choices within this book--serenity. Previous reviews on this book have taken me by surprise! If you don't like earth tones and colors picked from nature, then this is absolutely not the book for you. The cover is a CLEAR indicator of what is within so how people purchased this book and found themselves surprised by it's contents is beyond me. If you desire serene, rich color with monochromatic tones and eye catching contrasts that don't pop your eyeballs then this book is a must have. Martha only explains the importance of subtle contrast and color placement with regard to depth and space, but the information contained within is crucial to developing a smooth finish and painting with results that rival that of professionalism. This book is so much more than a "look at me and my shocking photographs" that you might find in other books aimed at color. While Martha has always favored greens and yellows in her work, this book explores use of blues, greys, pinks and even lavender with silver. The results are soothing, restful rooms that tantalize the eyes without tiring them. It's a smart, easy-to-use design instruction that reads well and produces even better results. Martha's paint colors are available at Kmart, Sears, Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams and Fine Paints of Europe. This means that if you like the colors within this book, regardless of your budget, you will be sure to find a match at a local paint store near you. That's an added bonus that I've found priceless!

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