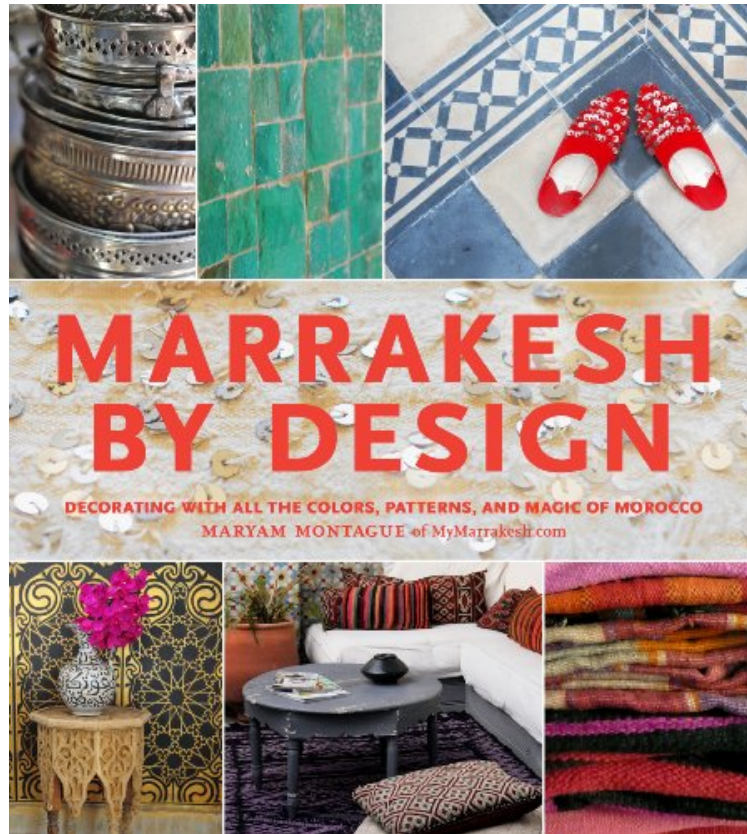


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flavored space - from a bathroom to an entire home - by purchasing this book and letting Maryam guide you. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Buy
By Paint Job
For years I've been reading this author's online blog (My Marrakesh) and I was excited to pre-order her first design book. I love the unique combination of earthiness and glamor that comes across on her Moroccan style blog. The book arrived slightly ahead of schedule from (how nice!) and I've been deeply engrossed in it ever since. We've got a couple of other Moroccan design inspiration books but this one is by far the best and most comprehensive. Maryam's content is much more informative about aspects of Moroccan architecture and design while remaining a delight to read. The abundant photographs, almost needless to say, are gorgeous and very inspiring. She also includes some wonderful do-it-yourself projects and recipes. This is a must-buy book if you care for Moroccan design but I think any serious lover of art design will really appreciate it too. There is so much to learn from Moroccan traditions and influences and Maryam Montague is a superb teacher and practitioner. The only thing that frustrates me about this wonderful book is being unable to visit Morocco just yet -- it's very very very close to the top of my wish-list.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeous, inspiring book
By A Reader in Dubai
It's not often that I read an interior design book cover to cover, but I did with this one. The book is filled with captivating photographs of real homes in Morocco, showcasing a wide range of living spaces--from simple to bohemian, from grand to humble, and from traditional to contemporary. Going way beyond adding a pouf or lantern to your living room, this book is divided into three parts: 1. "Discovering Moroccan Style" which explores the architecture, colors, finishes and patterns of the country. 2. "Living Moroccan Style" which provides examples of how to incorporate this style into specific living spaces. 3. "Sourcing Moroccan Style" which offers shopping tips and lists of sources for gathering the goods. The information is surprisingly detailed and practical. Throughout the book are "Bring it Home" sidebars with hands-on projects. These are interspersed with cultural information about Morocco. This book is for anyone who adores all things Moroccan or Arabian. The photos alone are worth this book's place on your coffee table.

Moroccan design, from the tiled floors to the colored walls, sculpted ceilings, embroidered fabrics, Berber tents, fountains, gardens, and more
In a world filled with beige interiors, Morocco is the perfect antidote: a refuge for addicts of saturated color, a haven for devotees of intricate pattern, a destination for admirers of striking architecture. For anyone who wants to add Morocco's spicy design mix into their own home, Maryam Montague, the personality behind the award-winning blog My Marrakesh, explains how to do so with the building blocks of Moroccan design from the colors, patterns, and textiles to the archways, fountains, gardens, and so much more. With illustrative text and gorgeous photographs, Maryam shows how Moroccan design comes to life in real villas and riads and in her own magnificent home and guesthouse. Eager DIYers will love the ideas presented in sidebars and in how-to projects that can be applied to homes anywhere. Filled with all the richness of Morocco, Marrakesh by Design will transport readers straight to the souks and salons of this exotic city while showing them the multitude of ways to live with the enticing elements of Moroccan design.

About the Author
Maryam Montague has made a career doing humanitarian work, but design is her passion. She and her husband built, decorated, and now run a boutique hotel on the outskirts of Marrakesh. Maryam's eye for interior design has garnered features on HGTV and the Travel Channel. She also runs her own carpet and textile business, Red Thread Souk. Maryam's destination, lifestyle, and design blog, My Marrakesh, has millions of followers and was voted Best African Weblog in the 2011 Annual Weblog Awards. Maryam resides in Marrakesh with her husband, their two children, and three peacocks.