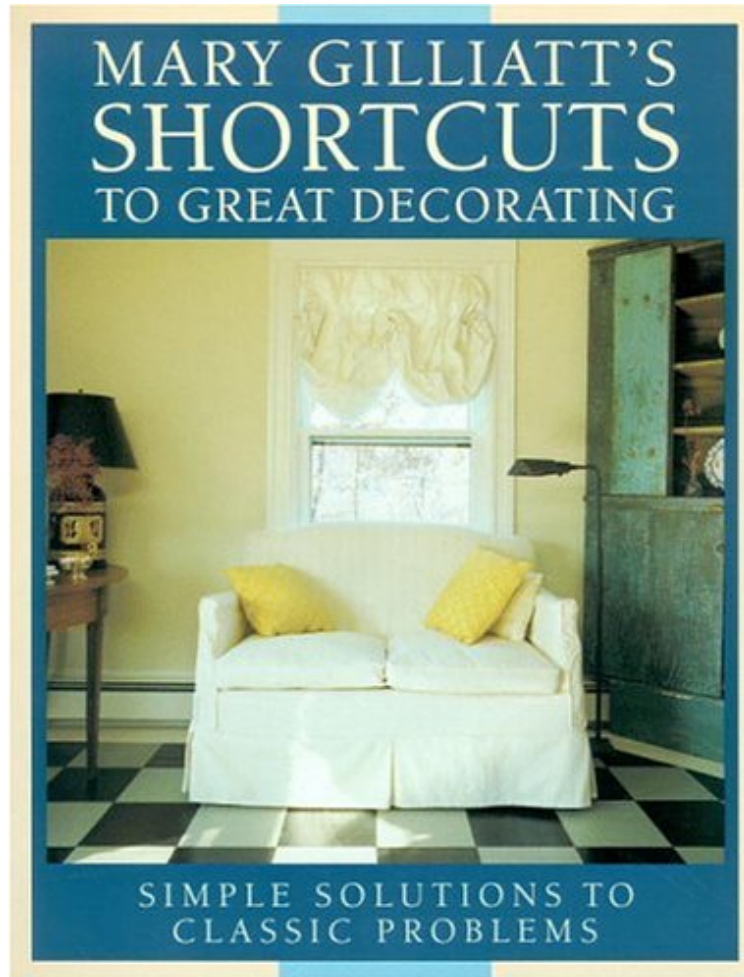


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. beautiful inspiration for rustic/country spacesBy Desert GypsyAfter leaving NYC about four years ago, while making my way to my current home in the high desert plains there were a few places I called home for a short while. Each had its unique use of space and it was interesting to use old and new pieces to make each space my own. This book was a great resource to me to figure out ways of arranging, re-purposing, and making smart use of small spaces.The book is mostly geared to rustic and country style looks and to me, has a decidedly British feel to it. The things she uses to decorate with are straight out of Grandma's attic for the most part with some modern touches thrown in for balanced living and an eclectic look. Yard sales and junque shops have turned up many items inspired by the photos in this book and for *very* little cost.These looks and ideas are

totally "do-able" and now that I'm settled in my home I love going back to this book as a reference every so often to put some things away, take some things back out, and bring in a few new things to create a whole new look in an afternoon with one of the chapters as inspiration. Ms. Gilliatt has over forty decorating and architecture books to her credit but this little gem happens to be my favorite. Highly recommended. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. useful! no pretense, great photos! By ALEX YONGI haven't gotten past the midway point in this book, that's how rich and useful the first half is. When it comes to decor books, I tend to look at all the pictures first, then backtrack to read ... That approach works well with this book too and I suggest you try it too. Boy, the photo captions reveal MUCH more than meets the eye! Bigtime!!! What I saw the first go-round was tons of exquisite color photos of living rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms, entryways, the works... On the second go-round, the rooms' beauty secrets were revealed in the tell-all photo captions. Great no-pretense book that will captivate some readers. The rooms are lovely and splendid yet down to Earth. Minor note: It's written in British English ... British slang has been absent so far (thank heavens) ... It was probably edited out (double thank heavens) ... The cover image is blah but the rest of the book is dynamite. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By Noelle Kehler good book

Based on the principle that decorating doesn't have to be time-consuming or expensive, this book is an invaluable guide to creating simple yet elegant schemes and offers inspirational images and practical ideas, whether readers want to redecorate a whole house or simply sheer up a tired living room. 200 full-color photographs and 12 four-color artworks.

.com Noted designer and decorating-book author Mary Gilliatt has filled this useful book with wonderfully practical solutions for overcoming a multitude of common decorating problems. She tackles storage questions, adding architectural interest, lighting effects, flooring issues, wall techniques, fabric cover-ups, furniture disguises, kitchen makeovers, and bathroom fixes. Just browsing through her gallery of room-transforming concepts will provide terrific inspiration. More important, each page is packed with specific ideas for finding stylish and imaginative (yet affordable) ways to implement various decorating schemes and to give rooms your own personal touch.