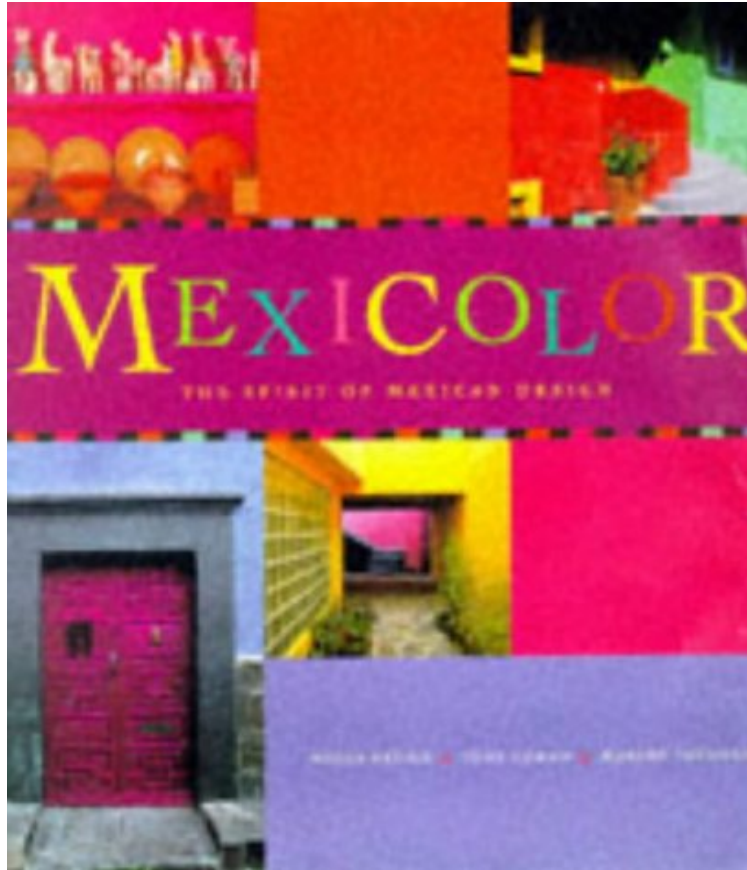


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Tony Cohan, Masako Takahashi : Mexicolor: The Spirit of Mexican Design before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mexicolor: The Spirit of Mexican Design:

47 of 47 people found the following review helpful. absolutely gorgeous !By Alejandra Vernon This is perhaps the most lavishly beautiful book of artifacts and design I've seen in recent years. It has 21 chapters, starting with "The Painted Wall". Chapter 2 is the simply awesome "Tiles", followed by "La Cocina", with more exquisite tiles and fabulous cookware. I love the kitchen sink with the retablos and crosses on the wall above it !Among the many chapters, there's one on "Textiles", "Folk Art", "Ceramics", "Wood" (masks that are works of art and the whimsical carvings from Oaxaca). "Metal": The loveliest door knockers you'll ever see, and my favorite of all (I have a small but glorious collection), the marvelous milagros. There are also chapters on inns, homes along the coasts, the homes of 4 artists (to die for !), etc., and one on patios and gardens. The photographs by Melba Levick are as good as it gets, a short (you wouldn't want any more...the focus is on the photography) but excellent text by Tony Cohan, which gives a brief history and description of the items shown, and the creative direction was done by Masako Takahashi. It's a good size soft cover at 10" x 9 1/2 and the quality is great. It's a book you can browse through over and over and discover new little details, and the beauty of it will gladden your heart and inspire you to add more color to your home,

especially Mexican color, which is so full of life and soul. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Incredible Mexican Traditional Colors By Sherry Shafer Beautiful colors, architecture and design make this a great book worth having. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Good Summary of Mexican Colors By Rick Spell I'm in the process of building on the Maya Riviera so this is important research looking for real ideas. Building in Spanish Colonial style can't be done without some thought given to the brilliant colors of Mexico. Since I am interested in the home design many of the chapters are not as applicable. Chapters like Folk Art, Toys, wood, ceramics and the marketplace were just not really relevant to me. Prior to that are chapters on the painted wall, Tiles and the Kitchen that are very helpful. Later the book shows pictures of various homes, haciendas, and hotels. Even if I weren't investigating for decorating ideas this is still a coffee table book that I would be very proud to display in my house. I now have many pages marked for further review and discussions. This is a great representation of Mexican color that I'm glad I own.

Basking in sunlight and coursing with energy, Mexico enjoys a unique relationship with color-inspired, intrinsic, inseparable from life itself. This vibrance sings forth in the pages of *Mexicolor*, the collaborative project of an artist, a photographer, and a writer all in love with the brilliant displays of color seen everywhere in Mexico. Walls washed flamingo pink on top, deep matte blue on the bottom. A green flatbed truck heaped with orange marigolds. A sea of colorful skeletons at a Day of the Dead fiesta. The radiant reds, yellows, purples, and greens of the fruits and vegetables at el mercado. *Mexicolor* explores Mexico high and low, from colonial towns to dazzling beaches, from traditional workshops to contemporary interiors, from open markets to extraordinary homes and inns, uncovering the colorful artistry that permeates everyday life across this vast nation. *Mexicolor* is an ideal resource for anyone looking to brighten a home, and a beautiful picture book brimming with imagination, creative ideas, and pure pleasure.

.com Radiant color is not merely joyously prevalent in Mexico, it is part of the national psyche. According to this energetic celebration of Mexican style, "the color that floods Mexico's streets and plazas, markets and homes (and the pages of this book) is language and metaphor--a form of communication, deeply bound to experience. Day and night, birth and death, rich and poor, feast and famine: color is always there. Earth, sky, and history conspire to make it so." The profusion of multihued walls, tiles, ceramics, textiles, and folk art that fill the home; the riotous juxtapositions of vivid foods, flowers, supplies, and accessories that comprise the spectacle of the marketplace; the vibrant details that define everything from facades to clothing to handpainted toys--the Mexican obsession with color is everywhere, as is strikingly documented in this lively book. --Amy Handy From Library Journal This well-illustrated, visually inspiring book depicts color in Mexican vernacular design. The first half shows how bright, vivid colors and natural colors are juxtaposed in Mexico, e.g., a lush green coastal landscape sets off a bright pink bougainvillea or brown burros contrast with orange walls. The last section shows how Mexican architects and designers use these colors in exteriors and interiors and both contemporary and traditional design. Highly recommended for interior design collections. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. *Mexicolor* captures the bold spirit of South-of-the-border design. Photographer Melba Levick, artist Masako Takahasi, and writer Tony Cohan dare you to splash brilliant fuchsia on conservative white walls and adorn a kitchen with hand-painted pottery and turquoise tiles. From weavings to murals, doorways to patios, *Mexicolor* shows how the daring decorator can turn a plain home into a work of art. If you've been there, you know Mexico dazzles, Mexico is color. 'In Mexico, every color goes with every other color,' the authors say. It is this 'adventure of disorder that determines the vibrancy of almost everything one sees, from a striped serape to a Mexican kitchen.' The photos reflect the joy of living amid such sizzle. Brilliantly painted interiors and exteriors, patios and mountains, ceramic tiles and glass--even the colors of handmade dolls and the produce in the marketplace--are all lusciously reproduced. The book is a celebration of Mexican art and life--and a clue to livening up the landscape here at home. -- LA Times *Mexicolor* captures the bold spirit of South-of-the-border design. Photographer Melba Levick, artist Masako Takahasi, and writer Tony Cohan dare you to splash brilliant fuchsia on conservative white walls and adorn a kitchen with handpainted pottery and turquoise tiles. From weavings to murals, doorways to patios, *Mexicolor* shows how the daring decorator can turn a plain home into a work of art. -- Good Housekeeping