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Better Homes and Gardens : New Decorating Book, 10th Edition (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and Gardens Home) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Decorating Book, 10th Edition (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and Gardens Home):

49 of 51 people found the following review helpful. Tutorial with Photos on DecoratingBy L. M. KeeferToday we apartment and home dwellers want to be involved in decorating our homes. But we need to be informed on an abundance of topics to do so. This is an affordable "how-to" book that breaks the process down room-by-room with hundreds of ideas, and photos to illustrate the ideas, on how to create a room. It's great for those new to the process and those who are looking for ideas they haven't considered before.Ten design basics are introduced for each room: living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, offices, entries etc. Then, examples of popular styles of the room (playful chic, nature inspired, urban modern etc.) are illustrated along with a possible color palette for each room, important room elements are highlighted and our favorite before-and-afters of the room are shown. Three common flaws and three suggested fixes are covered for rooms. "Style made simple" regarding rooms covers topics like curtains, storage, headboards etc. Scattered throughout are short "try this" tips on the photos for DIYers (one example: cover self-

adhesive lampshades with fabric). There's styles for almost any taste featured in the House Tours section--my favorite section--including 10 styles such as modern cottage, classic bungalow, refined rustic, fresh traditional, modern family, today's farmhouse, artistic cottage and Scandinavian modern. The styles tend to be more informal, but the tips could be adapted to more formal and glamorous styles as well which would be fun to do. The workroom section at the end offers nuts and bolts basics on how to decorate with lessons on pattern, color, scale, balance, texture, paint, wallpaper, fabric etc. There's a complete "try this" section on wall art, storage, organization and projects followed by a "know-how" section on window wardrobes, lighting and room arranging. I've been team-teaching interior design through continuing education for 10 years, and there's ideas in here I would like to try. For example, for armless dining chairs with leather-like round backs, make a slip-cover skirt for the chair that reaches to the floor in a striped fabric with a solid horizontal panel at bottom to match the leather color of the chair--it was very casual chic and you can change them seasonally. The self-adhesive fabric covered lampshade looked great, too! You can spend hours going through this book and marking ideas you like. There's an average of 5 tips per page and almost 300 pages--so 1500 illustrated tips in current styles for you to peruse and highlight at your leisure. It's like an illustrated textbook on design--although much more fun than most textbooks you've encountered. I think it's one of the best introductory books on design available. It's a great introduction to and overview of the design process and like a refresher course if you've been studying design for awhile. I love the fresh, colorful, eclectic, welcoming room on the cover--it's representative of the styles you'll find inside.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Better Homes and Gardens have done a good job in ... By Brick O'Neil Not much else to say, previous reviews cover all the expectations and ideas. Better Homes and Gardens have done a good job in this slender magazine book. There was even a postcard for a free year subscription, which was honored. Color me impressed! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. great ideas By Helpful Hannah Lots of great ideas, and better yet, lots of pics.

A revised and updated edition of the flagship guide from the authorities on home decorating The Better Homes and Gardens New Decorating Book has been the decorating resource readers have turned to for more than half a century. Like its predecessors, the Tenth Edition features solid instruction, hundreds of examples, and clear interpretation of design guidelines that generations of readers have come to expect. But this new edition of the classic decorating book also reflects today's approach to decorating mixing styles for personal expression with an awareness of budget. Organized in two parts, the first section is filled with room-by-room decorating guides and home tours to cover broad sweeps of decorating topics. The second section is organized by integral design topic: color, furniture arrangement, flooring, lighting, etc. Plus, inviting photography is complemented by workbook-style illustrations to help novice decorators understand the application of design concepts to specific rooms. Advice for making smart color choices What you need to know about mixing colors and patterns How to select and hang window treatments Ways to make smart use of wall art The essentials on color theory Trade secrets and tips from real designers Whether you're a new homeowner, an apartment dweller, or looking to spruce up any tired space, Better Homes and Gardens New Decorating Book shows you how to give a real home high-impact style without breaking the bank.

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