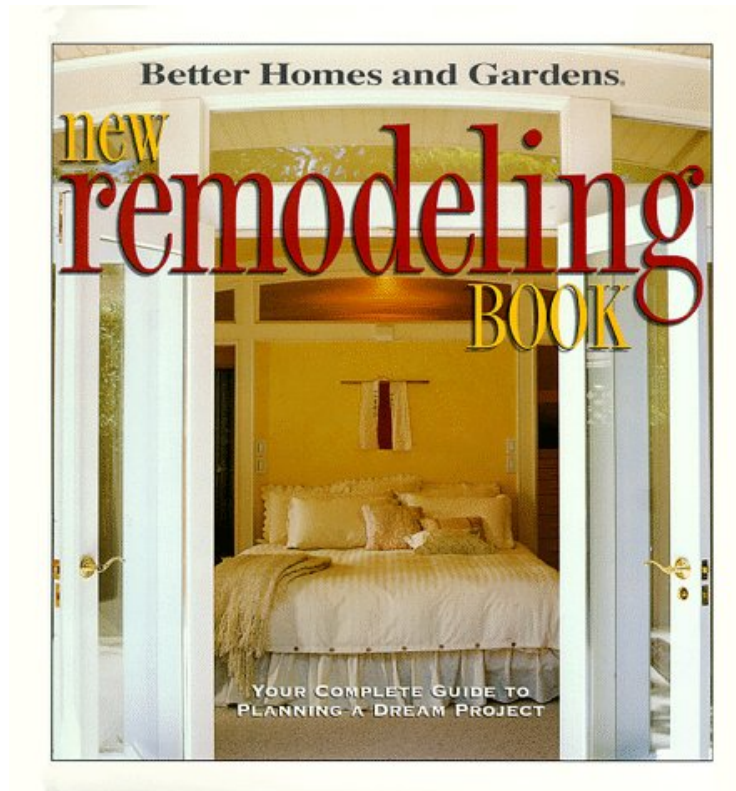


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inspiration for redecorating projects, in addition to remodeling projects. Minuses: There is only one interior style represented here, a mix of traditional and country. The exteriors are primarily arts crafts and traditional styles. I'm sure the style was created to appeal to the broadest range of people, which is a plus for the publishers, but a drawback to those who have a more individual style. However, I think that the information on remodeling can be applied to many styles. Recommendation: I would recommend this book to anyone! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative and visually stunning By Patty Apostolides The photos in this book are enough to attract any aspiring homeowner to read through this wonderful book about remodeling. Tastefully done, and covering all angles of remodeling, I found this book very informative as well. It covers additions, interior improvements, facelifts, curb appeal, enhancing your space, and much more; and all sections are aided by beautiful, breathtaking photos that will surely make you dream of having something similar to wake up to every day. It inspired me to go through my house, room by room, and reassessing everything. Well done! 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. remodeling project basics plus allowance for "youness" By SHERIE L. SIEMANN Lots of "need-to-know" information about basics of structural remodeling and personality remodeling for each and every room / each and every nook and cranny of your home. Ideas given are able to be adapted to your own style, desires or needs. Lots of GREAT pictures add much to what this book is all about! 1

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