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New Cottage Style, 2nd Edition (Better Homes And Gardens) (Better Homes And Gardens Home)



Synopsis

Achieve a casual, easy living style "Cottage" is a perennially popular decorating style, with the flexibility to adapt to changing tastes over the decades. It's associated with comfort, simplicity, and family-friendliness, and allows for a great deal of personalization. This all-new edition of New Cottage Style is packed with decorating ideas and inspiration to achieve a cottage look that's clean, simple, and light—all from the experts at Better Homes and Gardens. Completely updated, New Cottage Style shows you what cottage style means today, with new interpretations that keep it fresh, different, and current. You'll discover the secrets to creating harmony and simplicity with paint, furniture, fabrics, and accessories. Examples of homes in a variety of settings—the country, the beach, the city, and suburbia—will inspire you to bring cottage style to your own home, wherever you happen to live. Shows you how cottage-style décor can be beautiful in any room Gorgeous full-color photos depict a wide variety of cottage-style homes Expert advice helps you interpret what makes a cottage-style space work and gives you ideas for implementing it in your home Who doesn't want to achieve a casual, easy lifestyle? New Cottage Style gives you practical ideas and decorating techniques to create a comfortable getaway look in any living space.

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Customer Reviews

If you love Cottage Style and can't get enough of it, you should enjoy seeing the cottages,

bungalows and farmhouses in this charming book. Its focus is the NEW cottage style--there's even a modular home decorated in a relaxed cottage style. (Top designer David Easton who worked at Parish-Hadley and taught design history at Parsons School of Design in New York writes in his book Timeless Elegance: The Houses of David Easton that he is building a pre-fab home in the country with his partner--so it demonstrates these modular, prefab homes can have style and panache.) I don't know about you, but I have never met a cottage or cabin I couldn't love and wouldn't want to decorate. They are timeless homes which evoke a bit of romance, nostalgia for the past and a "vacation-state-of-mind" as this book describes. But how to decorate cottage style today without being too cliched or cloying? This book answers that question by featuring many examples of updated cottage. The homes offer a hybrid look that is more streamlined with some modern elements and diverse color choices. While you will see the always lovable cottage elements such as sea grass carpet, relaxed slipcovers, old fans, antique glass bottles and decanters, these are combined and punched up with graphic pillows and carpet, modern art, modern silhouette glass lamps, melamine dining chairs etc. Divided into house tour sections, you visually tour homes in this book that are grouped by four cottage styles: every day living, classic looks, touch of elegance and welcoming retreats. There are four to six homes in each section exemplifying these different looks.

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