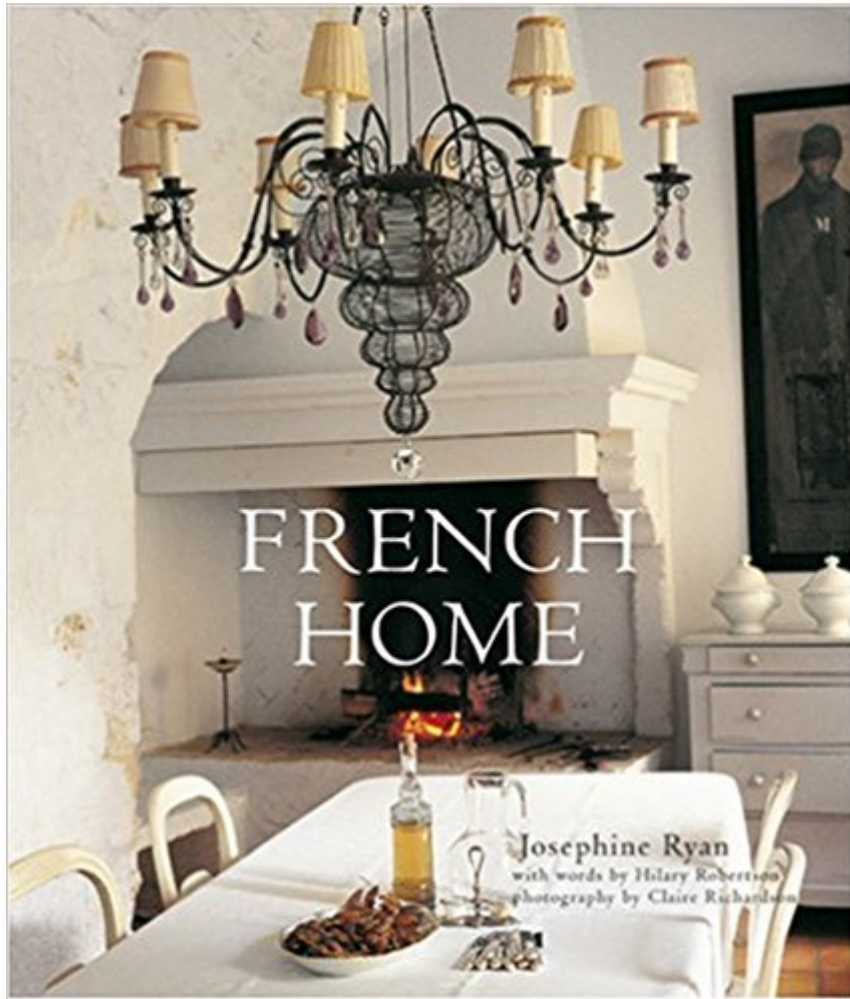




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French Home



Synopsis

French Home explores the elements that combine to create spaces that have an identifiably French feel; the classic architectural details that enhance the framework of each room, the beguiling textures and the elegant color palette that flatter various styles of furniture, and exploring the options for lighting, mirrors, and paintings. Josephine also takes a look at furniture, textiles, lighting, ceramics, and glass, and suggests how best to display your French-style treasures. The second section, the Rooms, explores real homes that deftly synthesize these elements. French Home examines the sophisticated alchemy of a look that can be either lush and complex, or simple and pared-down.

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Customer Reviews

Josephine Ryan is an antiques dealer and stylist. Compelled by the thrill of the find, Josephine loves hunting out quirky, unusual pieces and combining the unexpected. France's lifestyle, climate, and furniture is her greatest inspiration. She is also the author of *Essentially French* and *Essentially Irish* (both Ryland Peters & Small).

I liked this book as it features rooms of ordinary French homes and not the elaborately decorated chateaus and country houses that are often shown for French style and design. The author has a short chapter with pictures for every room in the house, with comments about items they enjoy using in their homes. Some have a country look, some are more contemporary, and as she points out, the

French are very good at mixing things up. The palettes are mostly neutral and rooms have an elegant simplicity which makes the style easy and affordable to copy if you are looking for inspiration. My only wish is that the author had included a few more pictures for the most used rooms in the house - living room, kitchen, and bedroom. Overall, nicely done though.

This book was originally purchased for a French friend of mine. After perusing the book I decided to keep it for myself and get her another one later

I think that the texts are better than the pictures (few in my opinion). On other hand, the font size and type of the picture captions is very small, then their lecture is heavy when you have been reading a while

I was disappointed. The photographs are muddy and instead of showing rooms in French Homes it mostly shows individual items or vignettes from the authors shop. Not what I expected.

I thought I had deleted one of the two French Home titles. I was unsure as to whether or not it was the same book because it had two different covers. I guess I did not delete it correctly because I received both books. I decided to keep the second one and give it as a gift to a friend who loves french style decorating.

In a movie called "Forget Paris" one of the main characters retells how in her childhood she was so obsessed with everything French she tried to imitate French accent and French style in her clothes. Well, there's no need to do it anymore. After reading "French Home" you will be able to create French interior at home and maybe even try to imitate French style of living - who knows? You may even like it! Ok, maybe people in Paris don't live in spaces like that - not all of them, anyway. "Traditional French Country Home" could have been a more suitable name. So what? Great attention to detail, beautiful pictures of beautiful rooms, unexpected ways to use everyday objects (or even junk!) as decoration, comprehensive text. It's like fresh breeze - enjoy it!

This owner of the house selects all the interior items with the so-good-taste eyes and the house is like a art work. Fascinating house!

Perfect order.

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