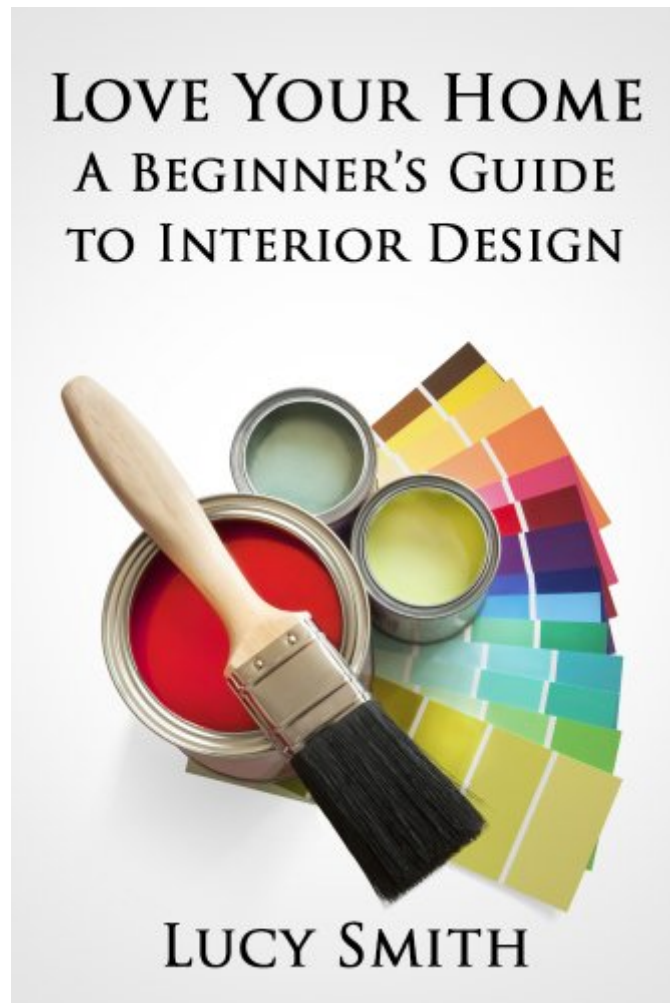


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Love Your Home - A Beginner's Guide To Interior Design



Synopsis

There is nothing more important than the place where we live. But how do you make it perfect - a home that works for you and your family, and which reflects who you are, and how you want to live. Whether you have just moved home and are looking to put your stamp on your new property, or are simply updating your existing property, Love Your Home is the perfect place to start. From creating your first mood board to choosing a colour scheme, this guide is a tremendous source of expert guidance. From the budget conscious to the indulgent buyers, from light rooms to dark rooms, and grand spaces to intimate spaces, design expert Lucy Smith takes you through the basic steps of creating the perfect living space. From the practical to the fun, and full of insider tips, 'Love Your Home' is the only interior design book you will ever need. Lucy Smith was previously an Editorial Assistant at Real Homes magazine. She specialises in writing homes and interiors features, including decorating and trend pages. Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent digital publisher.

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Customer Reviews

I've just moved out and bought my first home and so far, whilst I've bought some beautiful magazines and had a great time flicking through the photos, I've not actually managed to solidify in my mind what I want or get any closer to cracking on with designing my new home. I had all sorts of ideas floating around in my head and this guide gives you a great way of getting it down on paper- the mood board. This not only helped me to finally make a move towards designing by home, but it made the whole process fun. I've stuck my mood boards on my wall as advised- a great top tip- and I'm one step closer to making my final decision. I would recommend for someone who wants some direction and practical advice. A concise, practical guide that makes decorating your home seem easy and fun.

I have always had a faible for beautiful homes and accordingly interior design. But I'm not an artist or professional and have always been unsure about how to do it myself. To create a home which fits your personality is one of the hardest challenges in interior design. And here comes this guide very handy because it is a very practical guide about the basics in interior design for beginners. Unlike many magazines or design books it doesn't use stunning architecural settings or designers but it explains on how to get your first ideas, collect them and put them together. The chapters about colours and materials are very informative, include explanations and dos and don'ts about matching together as well as where to use best. But I think especially the chapter about functionality will help anyone who designs for the first time since it is easy to overlook the practical aspect when you're overwhelmed by creating a new place. Lucy Smith explains the overall basic principles from scratch but doesn't forget about some ideas for specific rooms.

The book is very good for general advice with regard to choosing colors, determining which wood tones for furniture items would be most harmonious, and has some excellent tips to keep readers from choosing colors that would be too intense for a large area. This can be a challenge, even for a mid-level designer. I rated it three stars, as that is where it would fall - between the best and worst. It is definitely worthwhile, and I am glad I read it. I would buy it again, and refer to it before I made major changes to a color scheme.

For the money, I didn't expect much. I think the cover is more exciting than the book. It was very basic and short. I know it didn't cost much, but it is more of a pamphlet than a book.

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