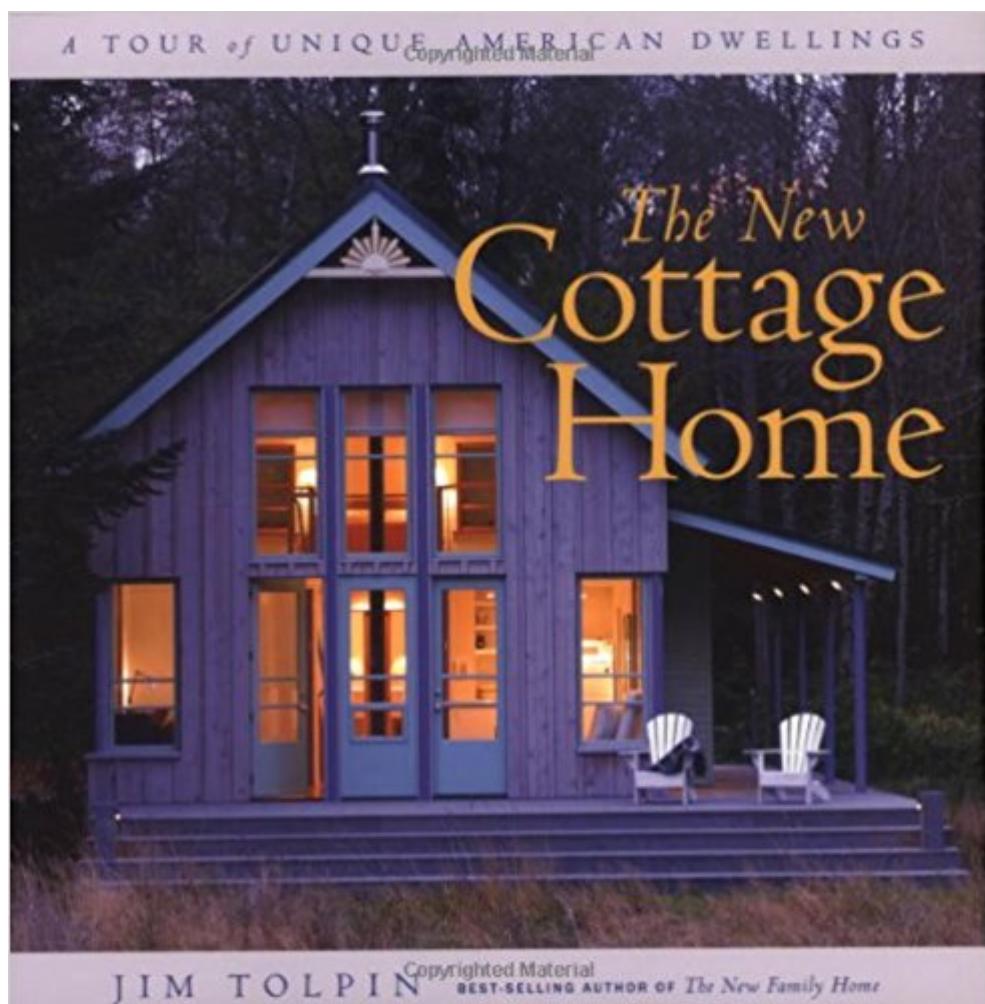


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The New Cottage Home: A Tour Of Unique American Dwellings



Synopsis

The New Cottage Home taps into today's move toward lifestyle simplicity and the idea that living space should be rich in details, conservative of resources, and no larger than necessary. Jim Tolpin celebrates the diversity and charm of 30 sample cottages, from a Pacific Northwest cottage modeled after a French hunting lodge to a "salvage yard vernacular cottage" built with junkyard materials. Each featured home reflects individual personality, priorities, and lifestyle. Whether by the water, on a mountain, or in a forest, field, or town, these homes emphasize quality of place over quantity of space.

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Customer Reviews

Browsing through a big name book store one day, I happened upon "The New Cottage Home". I'm not sure why I picked it up because having a home of our own is so far into the future for my husband and I, that I try not to tease myself and in turn not think about it. But I flipped through the book anyway and fell in love with it almost immediatly! We rushed home knowing that would be cheaper and ordered it that same day. I was amazed at all the tricky, unique architecture ideas and styles. It is filled with easy-to-understand language and descriptions. I also found it refreshing that Mr. Tolpin wrote like he was speaking to you as if in conversation and not at a college lecture. He covers many different home styles and addresses the importance of the use of indiginous materials to tie the look of your home to your surroundings. I like how he stresses trying to make your home look as if it "grew" where you built it and has been there forever. Along with little pieces of history

used as teaching tools he also describes many of the homes attributes from an artistic point-of-view(ie. the use of vertical windows ties in with the tall pines surrounding the home, hiding the garage from frontal view of the home and focusing on the "human sized entry way" makes a person feel welcome and curious to step into the cozyness of your home etc...). I like how he included tight- budget homes reliant on alternative sources of energy all the way to the retiring couple who needed less space but were financially ready to spend half a billion but knew they didn't need or have to. In conclusion, I would recommend this book for anyone interested in building, dreaming(!) or looking for decorating ideas that really work. A definite must-have!

This outstanding book offers a bounty of gorgeous four-color photos and descriptive "plank and nail" text explaining the design and construction of each cottage. I've referred to this book countless times while brainstorming my own cottage design. Each time I open the book, I find another detail that I hadn't seen previously. The New Cottage Home offers an eloquent objection to the bland, overbuilt, pretentious developer homes that increasingly blight America's landscape.

New Cottage Home took me to some of the homes I knew I was always meant to live in. There's a wonderful section of the history of the cottage style, and what design details create that warm feeling when we see such a home. Modern cottages are meant to retain the structural and detail essentials of the older cottages but to allow more interior open space due to modern materials and construction methods. Most of the book is given over to examples, with the architects names and addresses listed (very useful!). Some of the examples did not stick to the "cottage essentials" in my mind, but the rest were so charming it made up for it. I hope more architects see this book and take up the challenge of designing the small, detail-oriented home that singles and empty nesters would be proud to live in. I'm already imagining my cottage garden.

I absolutely love this book. Beautiful photographs of exteriors and interiors and the "rough sketched" floor plans are quite helpful. Also informs you of the locations of the actual cottages pictured and how you can contact the architect. I've finally decided on my dream home and purchased my new home plans because of this book. Can't wait to start building my "Three Gable Cottage"!

Getting away has taken on a certain urgency in the past week. The second home we've been wanting now seems like a good idea for our primary residence, instead. Getting our family of the metro area is something we are seriously considering. This book is gorgeous. It looks like most of

the homes are architect designed, so the architect's fees might eat you alive if you decided to go this route. Still, though, the houses are reasonably sized and include lots of charming details. I also recommend:SECOND HOME (shows great houses around the country but also includes real estate shopping information, tips on evaluating a region or a small town, and so forth. inspiring and helpful too. houses includes new homes as well as refurbished older ones. A handsome but realistic book.)CABIN FEVER (a style book that does show how delightful a small cabin can be)SMALL HOUSE BIG STYLE (a very helpful book that also shows how to live in smaller spaces)

My husband and I will someday get out of the "rent-race", and I'm always on the lookout for inspiration for our future home. The second I spotted "New Cottage Home" on the store shelf, I realized the dwellings featured in the book are exactly the kind I have been attracted to all my life. I have always loved not very large, but quirky and simply stylish cottages. Having lived in England and Europe for a few years gave me an appreciation for these little jewels. Although most of the homes featured are modern, they still evoke a sense of comfort and uniqueness that truly charms the soul. Someday, when my husband and I are able to buy or build our own home, I will rely on the inspiration given to me by "New Cottage Home".

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