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Glamorous Rooms



Synopsis

Glamorous Rooms showcases the elegant eclecticism of renowned designer Jan Showers's interiors, including many projects unpublished until now. Illustrated with dazzling photography, Showers's accessible and useful design tenets will inspire readers to create their own luxurious yet relaxed homes. Showers's attention to detail seamlessly blends Hollywood high style, midcentury modernism, and classic 18th-century French styles with the local flavors of St. Barth's, Paris, and Rome. Her modern and timeless interiors, never overdone, have earned her a dedicated fan base of top designers, celebrities, and power brokers from Palm Beach to Del Mar. A must-have addition to any design enthusiast's library, Glamorous Rooms is sure to be an instant classic.

Traditional Home October 2009 Lucite and tufting and mirrors, oh my! Love shimmering elegance? You'll thrill to the work of Jan Showers, a Texas pro. Veranda November-December 2009 Texas-based designer Jan Showers strikes just the right balance between restraint and high visual impact. Her superbly detailed rooms gain unique presence through a mix of styles, such as Hollywood Regency, eighteenth-century French and mid-century modern. Like her spaces, her furnishings-including her 1940s-inspired Venetian glass lamps-exude American glamour. House Beautiful November 2009 Jan Showers tells all, Dallas style. The how/why of glamour, one gorgeous room @ a time. Read the captions! Luxe Fall 2009 Over 200 dazzling photographs of Showers's design, which seamlessly blend Hollywood high style, mid-century modernism and classic 18th century French style.

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Customer Reviews

This book is beautifully done. She knows how to mix textures using fabrics and furniture from any time period, and she definitely has an eye for color and value. I love how she uses color throughout the book...each time the hues are perfect(the platinum/gray living is one of my favorites..so chic!). The rooms are glamorous and smart while being accessible. I will definitely use this as inspiration for my own home.

I've pored over this book! The photos are beautiful and I love so many of the rooms. I've learned so much by studying the photos as well as the text. As I continue to work on my own home style, I plan on more spending time in these pages.

I have always been a fan of Ms. Showers. Over the course of 8 years I have collected every article, magazine and book that has even mentioned the talent of this interior designer. I received my copy of the book today, and it was just what the doctor ordered: the elegant, and glamorous rooms are bright, beautiful and fantastically photographed. I love the way each chapter covers specific rooms in a home, and yields many full-page examples of interiors. There is no choppiness of imagery that many interior design books publish nowadays, where one can find tiny photographs with about 12 examples of interiors on one page, and one can barely make out the interiors. My one negative about the book is that I only wish the pages were printed on glossy paper. But maybe next time...

Every living room equals one sofa upholstered in neutrals, a table with metal legs, two matching side chairs that don't match the sofa. In the dining room, take one Murano chandelier, add a table that doesn't match the surrounding chairs and sideboard. If you want or like the formula, this book has formulas on offer; and perhaps not always bad formulas. (In fact, I thought Jan Showers did some pretty dining rooms, but they tend to offer limited scope for individuality to begin with.) But other designers offer a lot more individuality and I had very little sense of the personality of the owners of any of the rooms pictured.

A wonderful use of glass and color, subtlety (in all forms and manner) and lustrous, surprisingly gentle textures. Jan Showers creates glamor with a uniquely vigorous restraint. You don't feel the money in these rooms, you feel the artistry, the perfect scale and balance. (In other eras, we'd call it breeding.) Leafing through this beautiful book, I could almost feel the tension between what she achieved and what could have been (in a lesser mortal's hands). Nothing is more difficult to install

than the type of elegant simplicity evidenced here. And page after page, Jan Showers proves herself a master at it. Please take the time to examine the detail in these rooms. The finish, patina, tailoring, you name it, it's flawless. Perfect in every way. And there's not a bad lamp in the entire book, which in itself is saying a lot. This is a major talent, showcased in an expertly designed and crafted book. Highest possible recommendation.

Jan Showers has the most amazing style and is so talented. Her rooms are never overdone, and are always elegant and sophisticated--but never so much so that you don't feel like you could actually LIVE in each room. An important balance. And her use of color--this book is just a tutorial on the smart use of color! That is why I have scoured the book, to learn all of the color secrets that I can. Plus, don't forget to pay special attention to her furniture. She designs a fair amount of the furniture you see in the book, and it mixes so well with both modern pieces from other designers and antique pieces from centuries ago.

After devouring all 206 pages of design ideas and beautiful photography I can safely say that Glamorous Rooms will be a forerunner in my design library that I am starting to build. The book is divided into 6 "rooms" covering entry halls, living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, private spaces, and outdoor living. Jan Showers shares her portfolio of timeless interior spaces as well as ideas on how to achieve a touch of glamour in your own home. And these ideas are cleverly drawn from her 25 years of experience designing rooms of understated elegance. Several pages of my copy are already bookmarked -- whether they are rooms that I am inspired by or ideas that I wish to reference later and perhaps try in my own home. Until then Glamorous Rooms will be beautifully displayed on my coffee table as even the cloth cover, where Showers pays homage to Hinson & Co.'s Snow Leopard fabric, is glamorous.

I personally love interior design. The pages of this book illustrate beautifully rooms of very classy design. The narratives are written very well. The cover of a leopard print looks lovely on my table. It was worth the price. I shall treasure this indefinitely.

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