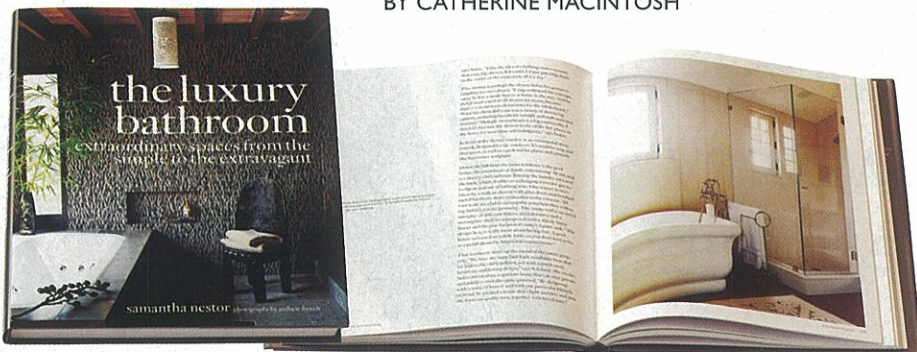


INSPIRING TOMES ON COLOURFUL, PERSONALIZED DECORATING.

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THE LUXURY BATHROOM: Extraordinary Spaces from the Simple to the Extravagant

The sky's the limit, and sometimes quite literally, with these 35 unique, personal retreats defined by their imaginative use of space and materials. *Metropolitan Home* magazine's Samantha Nestor explores one-of-a-kind baths from an ingenious open wet room to luxurious his-and-hers boudoirs.

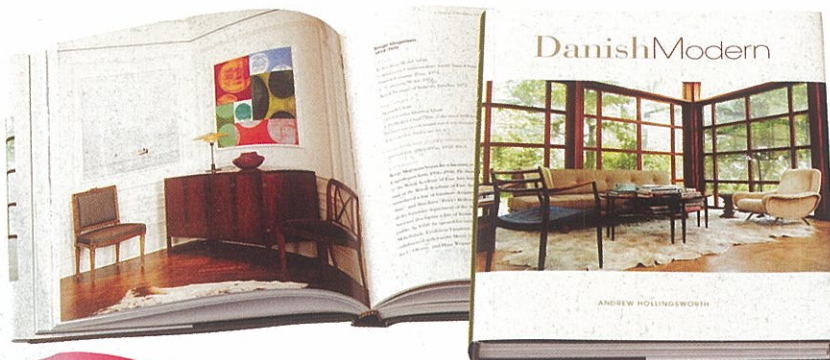
Best feature: A voyeuristic peek into the lives of others via their most personal of rooms; individual stories accompany each one. *Clarkson Potter, 2008, HC 224 pages, \$69*

DANISH MODERN

Danish Modern dealer Andrew Hollingsworth goes well beyond Arne Jacobsen's Egg chair in his go-to compendium for collectors, decorators and admirers of the Scandinavian style.

This fascinating, detailed history of the movement is laced with its iconic pieces and designers, along with gorgeous photos of homes integrating the designs into a range of styles.

Best feature: A crash course in collecting: what to look for, where to look, how to identify fakes and how to care for treasured pieces. *Gibbs Smith, 2008, HC 240 pages, \$52*



ALL ABOUT COLOUR

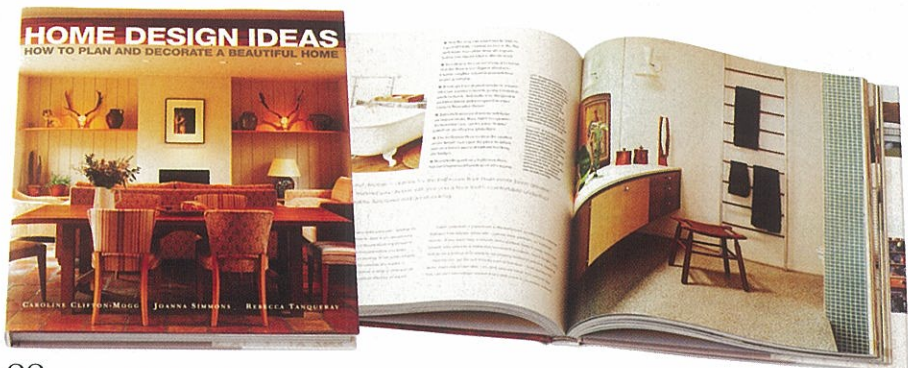
Understanding colour and light is the basis of creating a home that is uniquely "you." Colour designer Janice Lindsay could be more aptly titled Colour Guru. She imparts her vast knowledge of the subject and its "colourful" history in small, digestible chapters woven with personal stories, humour and real-life applications to home design.

Best observation: "Good rooms are used and it shows. They are just a little frayed, a little worn, and marked by life." *McClelland & Stewart, 2008, HC 454 pages, \$35*

FABRIC INSPIRATIONS: Hundreds of Fabulous Decorating Ideas for Every Room in Your Home

Fabrics are still the easiest way to inject change or colour into a room. Textile designer-editor-stylist Kate French and design writer Katherine Sorrell give practical advice on colours, patterns and textures for every room, with creative upcycling ideas, and inspirational images that convey a simple elegance.

Best tip: Think laterally about where to obtain fabric: use sheets, saris, tablecloths, old curtains, lace panels or quilts. *Ryland Peters & Small, 2008, HC 160 pages, \$34*



HOME DESIGN IDEAS: How to Plan and Decorate a Beautiful Home

Ideas abound in this primer with more than 700 photos of real homes that really work. A trio of experts gives detailed exploration of eight major rooms, from kitchens to outdoor spaces. Practical guidance on planning, furniture, flooring, styles and palettes accompanies tips for personalized spaces.

Best feature: No pigeonholing here: ogle tons of styles, from modern country to grown-up glamour. *Ryland Peters & Small, 2008, HC 256 pages, \$40 H&M*