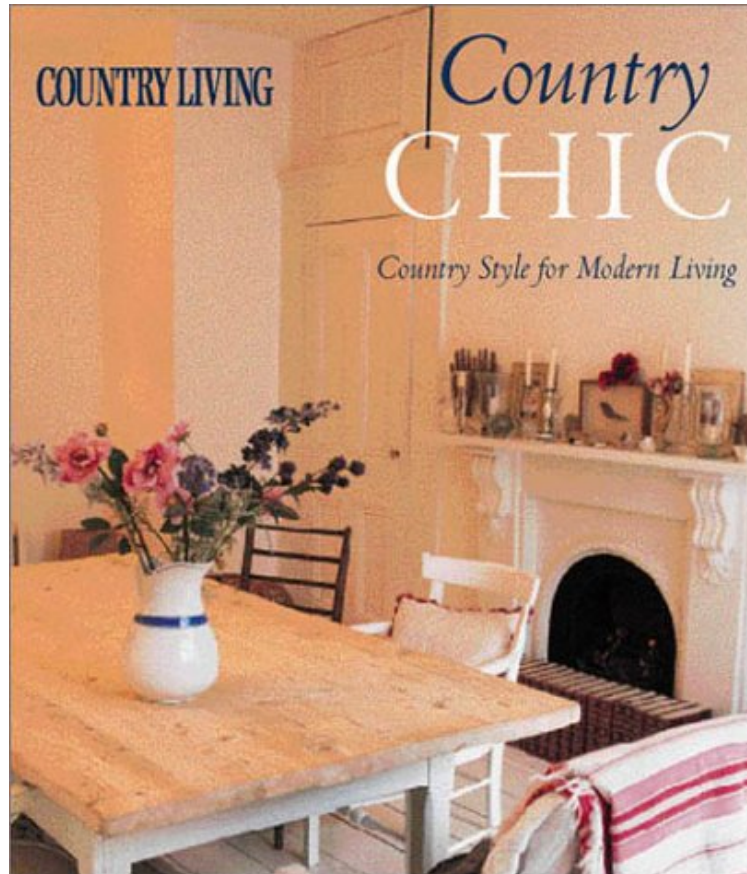


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book has aged well! By Vic This book was published in 2001...I found a mention of it in Jan. 2014 while looking at comments on a more recent publication and decided to see if it was available used for a good price. Found it and purchased from mktplace for the price of one issue of a decorating magazine. So glad I did b/c this is really a nice book. Although it purports to be country style, I think it reflects more eclectic decorating at its best. I liked the range of styles, esp the ethnic and bazaar styles, actually every section had something that appealed to me. Mainly this book encourages readers to explore their own style and interests in decorating their homes, an approach I strongly embrace, rather than purchasing one's home furnishings lock stock and barrel from your local furniture showroom. It is nice to come across a design book that has withstood the test of time and remains relevant 13 years in. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice book filled with great ideas. Great for a coffee table book. By Customer Filled with ideas that are fairly plain, not frilly. Looks to be done in more 2nd-hand, bargain, auction-finds type decor. Nothing fancy. Has chapters with Shaker, New England and modern

Ethnic styles. I was looking for more the farmhouse look and shabby/chic which it doesn't seem to be much of styles as I would have liked. Therefore, it may not be as practical for me but still a nice coffee table book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My friend loves this giftBy Cynthia C. BattlesMy friend splurged for me at Christmas so I sent this book as thanks. She loved it. She keeps a lovely home and the photos of Country Chic appealed to her. She even had an interior designer friend over perusing the book one afternoon over tea. My friend said she had to keep an eye on the book lest her designer friend, who loved it too, abscond with it! A good buy.

Take classic country and combine it with modern urban interiorsand you have a fresh style that works anywhere. Stylish yet livable country looks. Whether you are an eclectic city slicker or live in a traditional Maine cottage, you can create your own melting pot of styles. Learn to combine old with new, and how to mix and match classic patterns and colors.Bridal Guide Magazine.

.com Many people dream of the perfect country home: inviting and bright, imbued with a warm sense of comfort and a timeless simplicity. In *Country Chic*, authors Liz Bauwens and Alexandra Campbell show how to mix and match different colors, materials, and furnishings, combine fine antiques with inexpensive "finds," and blend old with new to create today's fresh and modern country style. The authors present myriad ideas for using country style to turn any space into an airy and comfortable place to be. They include information on how to bring various specific country styles--such as New England, Shaker, and "Modern Ethnic"--into a decorating scheme. The chapter on simplicity shows how to create a sense of freedom and an uncluttered lifestyle by reinterpreting how traditional materials and patterns are used. For instance, a spare room with sophisticated gray-tinged white walls maintains the original rough floorboards and fireplace bricks as a contrast to the sleek modern lines. The chapter on decorating with color and pattern shows how to create an eclectic atmosphere by borrowing from old-fashioned traditions and giving them a modern twist. Mismatched wooden chairs around a rustic kitchen table, for example, give a room a relaxed and informal feel. Juxtaposed with a marble fireplace that would be more expected in a formal dining room, the scene takes on an appealing air of faded grandeur. More than 200 color photographs will certainly provide plenty of inspiration to those hoping to manifest their dreams of the perfect country home--wherever that may be. --Robin DonovanFrom BooklistThere are about as many decorating styles as there are designers--and home magazines. No rooms of the rich and famous appear in this book, though. Furnishings mix vintage flea market with white-hued home offices. And the country style itself is upscale, streamlined, and broad enough to accept a Moderne Airstream trailer as an appropriate decorating channel. Color pictures are sharp enough to emulate--and words enhance, but don't overwhelm. Barbara JacobsCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorLiz Bauwens is a freelance stylist who works for a number of magazines as well as Ikea and Habitat. Alexandra Campbell is a writer whose work appears in the (London) Independent, Financial Times, and (London) Times newspapers. They are the co-authors of *Spaces for Living*. *Country Living* magazine, with a circulation of nearly two million readers, captures the country lifestyle and covers decorating, cooking, entertaining, gardening, and travel.