

Creating Great Guest Rooms

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Carol Donayre Bugg : Creating Great Guest Rooms before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Creating Great Guest Rooms:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good enough but getting dated alreadyBy KcornFor my purposes, this book had major limitations and I won't be keeping my copy. You might be more pleased. Here were the major issues for me:1. Most of the rooms simply felt claustrophobic, filled with far too many decorative items, heavy fabrics, and dark walks. As a guest, I'd feel weighed down rather than relaxed if surrounded by so many accessories, layers of bedding and decorative pillows. A comfortable bed, restful colors, nice bath towels, and perhaps some recent magazines and good books satisfy the senses.I didn't find a variety of rooms which had the clean lines I'd hoped to find. .2. If you like light, airy, or modern rooms, look for a different book. In contrast, if you are planning a heavily traditional or intricately layered room full of rich fabrics and an older feel, this book might be worth a look. Traditional rooms fill the majority of the pages.3. Don't like theme rooms -ones filled with nautical accents - or perhaps animal prints? I'm not big on theme rooms either. I don't want to feel like I'm in a jungle or on a boat. Simple lines, restful colors, and a comfortable bed are more important.Because the book is 7 years old, some of the design ideas already seem dated.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Should be titled "Creating Great BEDrooms"By NYCatHeartI have mixed feelings about this book. First, I somehow totally missed the fact that it's a Decorating Den publication. I think I was paying more attention to the amazing nearly-free price I got it for! Had I paid the \$25 is asking right now I would be irritated. However for the price I paid, it's ok.Admittedly I haven't read this

book thoroughly since it just arrived today, however I've scanned it pretty well and the text I've read so far is fairly generic. Tips include expected things such as:--provide guests with a carafe of water; they may feel dehydrated, especially if arriving by plane.--provide a small selection of books for your guests.--provide scented candles, fresh flowers, and toiletries such as cotton balls, lotions, etc.--provide for privacy in a bathroom. WOW...never would have thought of that one.I will say a "recipe" for creating your own bath salts at home is provided in the back of the book. That might actually be good to have in the idea bank.The book should have been titled "Creating Great BEDrooms" since it's more of a way to decorate BEDROOMS IN GENERAL in various THEMES and "LOOKS." For example: page 58 is "Beach Cottage Comfort;" page 112 is "Tropical Retreat;" and page 24 is "Fabulously Feminine." The associated text is about how and why those LOOKS work (what makes it feminine...how a beach cottage is cozy...how Tropical is relaxing), and what to do to GET those LOOKS. Very little about how to focus on your GUESTS and their COMFORT during their stay.That said, the photos are good for the most part, however it isn't very informative relative to its title. Some of the images are rather dated and have that dated "Decorating Den Look" from the past (giving due credit, DD has greatly improved their image and style).ALSO: It's worth noting that the majority of the rooms profiled are larger to somewhat grand in size. VERY FEW "average" sized rooms. There are little-to-no photos of the typical sized condo or townhome room. The book MENTIONS these type of spaces, but does not actually profile them!If you find it super cheap from one of the used sellers like I did, then go for it; it is a decent addition to the library. If you're thinking of paying the \$25 retail/ price...NOOOOOO!!!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Barbara CrowellGood idea book.

From Interiors by Decorating Den--an internationally famous interior design service--comes a lavish, picture-rich guide with the most exquisite plans for guest rooms ever. For the home decorator, it's like having a professional right by your side as you do the work.What makes a guest room great? How can you create one in a small space and on a limited budget? With lush inspirational photographs, tip boxes, and checklists, a group of designers from the celebrated Interiors by Decorating Den provide the answers to these and a host of other questions. These fabulous rooms feature a wide range of styles, including traditional, contemporary, French Country, British Colonial, and Zen--and they're all shown in large color pictures that make it easy to view every dazzling decorative detail. Some are gracious and spacious, others have twin beds, and still more take a "no frills" masculine approach. Almost everyone will appreciate the deas for rooms that do double duty and serve other functions when the visitors go away. Find out exactly what amenities the experts feel should be in every guest room, and see what advice they have to offer on specifics such as thread counts for the sheets, pillow firmness, ceiling fans, and lighting options. Thirteen beautifully decorated guest baths complete this lovely to look at and practical to use guide. A Selection of the Homestyle Book Club.