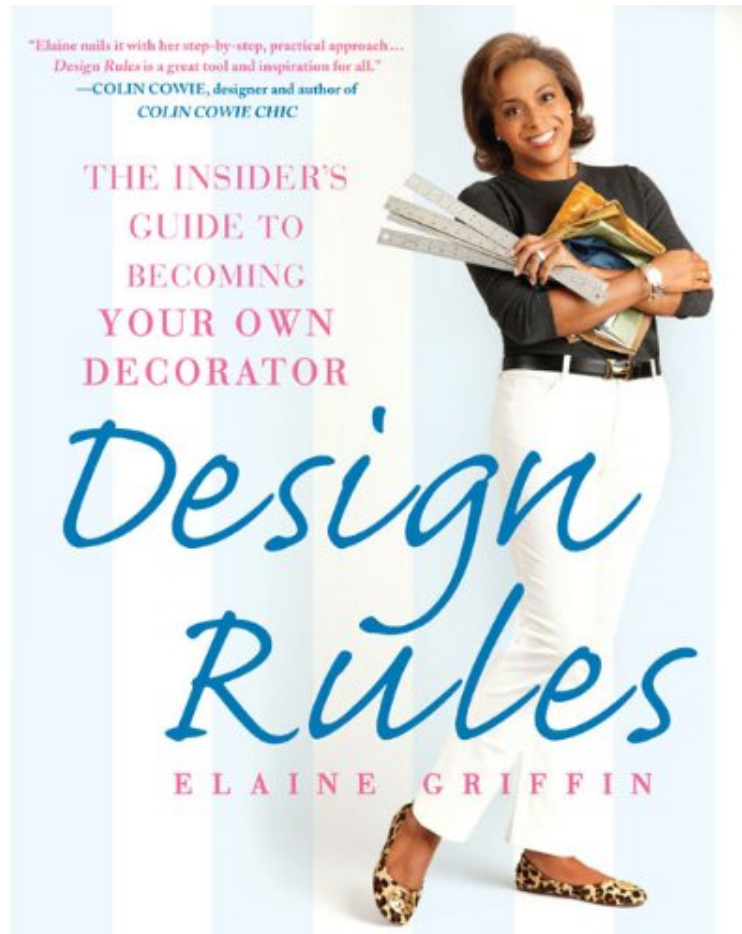


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From BooklistIgnore the sugars, honeys, and dollfaces you may find here, and avoid any sentence ending with an exclamation point. Once you look beyond the cutesy trying-too-hard-to-be- colloquial prose, New York City interior designer and magazine contributor Griffin does have decorating secrets and tips to share and to use. Much of her knowledge is revealed through black-and-white illustrations, a better perspective on home realities than fancy four-color photographs. And much of the book's value lies in the very pragmatic ideas and techniques promoted. Afraid of color? Remember that if the combination exists in nature, it'll work in your home. To ensure that bathroom wallpaper endures (at least for a while), open the door (and window) right after a shower or bath. Looking for empty decorating space? Try over the headboard or beneath the hall table. Don't let the book's very traditional organization by room dissuade you from more than a glance; despite some seemingly arbitrary likes and dislikes (for instance, go to the big-box store for kitchen and bath design!), Griffin's know-how will successfully populate any room in the house. -- Barbara Jacobs "It's by far one of the best practical decorating guides to come down the pike." -Jennifer Boles, Peak of Chic "Elaine Griffin is the Diana Vreeland of decorating. Ignore her smart and stylish directives at your own risk! This book has the answers to so many seemingly simple decorating questions-- I love it!" -Kate Betts, editor of TIME Style Design "Creating one's own style at home can be daunting. Elaine Griffin demystifies the process with a smart and savvy, no-nonsense decorating primer. Translating the basics of chic design for the nonprofessional, she provides irresistible, foolproof tips that make sense for every taste, style and budget." -Margaret Russell, editor in chief of Elle Decor "[A] great new book...I love Elaine's accessible writing style, a breath of fresh air in the often stuffy atmosphere of decorating. Thrilling!" -Temo Callahan, creative director, Studio Printworks "Elaine nails it with her step-by-step, practical approach...Design Rules is a great tool and inspiration for all." -Colin Cowie, designer and author of Colin Cowie Chic About the Author Ranked as one of House Beautiful's Top 100 American Designers, Elaine Griffin is a contributing editor of Elle Decor and designs the Good Works Makeovers for Oprah's O at Home magazine. Her work has been featured widely elsewhere in the media.