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Traditional Home : Easy Elegance: Creating Your Own Signature Style (Traditional Home) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Easy Elegance: Creating Your Own Signature Style (Traditional Home):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. GORGEOUS!!By NYCatHeartOne thing to keep in mind is that this is from the publisher of Traditional Home magazine, so naturally it's going to cater to that core reader. Key word here is TRADITIONAL (just in case you aren't familiar with this publication).The photos are beautiful. The text is informative and well written.There are a few key points that I really like about Easy Elegance... 1) The "Style Primer," which shows you the difference between, for example, 18th and 19th century Louis XVI chairs, 18th Century English

Regency and 19th Century Chinese styles. It's not often you get this kind of VISUAL comparison. 2) The "Real/Fake" articles, showing and discussing the differences between authentic antiques and fakes/reproductions of those antiques. 3) "The Great Debate" article discussing "so why the conundrum about using reproduction furniture pieces?" Terrific article considering the source and that in SO many shelter magazines and interior design books there is little-to-no mention of reproductions...only the pedigree of the pieces shown.If you are a subscriber/lover of Traditional Home magazine, then you will surely love this book.My only issue with this book is that it's paperback not hard cover. Petty? Probably. But considering it's from the publisher of Traditional Home magazine, I would liked to have seen a slightly "higher end" product. But all-in-all not a big deal.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. PrettyBy Callie L. FrenchNice book, more of a magazine. Good photography and descriptions. Would like a bit more information on what other rooms in a house look like.13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. It's true...money can't buy taste!By PenumbraMany books feature photographs of fabulous rooms that you may not be able to duplicate in your own home, but from which you might glean a usable idea or two. This book is more about how to turn your home into a gallery to display your fabulous art collection.First, you need to have the requisite huge rooms with high ceilings and fine architectural details. At least three quarters of the rooms have been painted white to get that gallery backdrop effect. (Toward the end of the book there are a few rooms with some trendy wall colors; one russet red, one aubergine, and a rather spacious kitchen that appears to have Blue Willow patterned wallpaper teamed with the matching dinnerware on the table and the matching serving pieces displayed on the walls - talk about overkill!)Second, you need to have the aforementioned fabulous art collection to display. (We're talking massive paintings here - not prints.) What? You don't have a fabulous art collection?! Well, the authors offer a helpful piece of advice - buy those paintings out of passion, not because of their investment quality.Third, you need a minimal amount of very high end furniture, preferably real antiques.Up to now I've been able to suspend my disbelief, but some of the combinations are just...weird. Imagine a stark white wall with a very large modern painting that looks like a bull's eye in primary colors hung above a Hepplewhite chair. It was jarring.Another chapter on Asian influenced rooms had photos that actually made me dizzy. The idea of Asian influence inspiring tranquility and peace must be old news. One strange looking chair looked like it might take flight at any moment.To sum it up, these rooms may be elegant but they seem uncomfortable and cold. This is not the kind of home you put together if you have kids, or pets, or parties, or...a life.

Inspiration for using tasteful furnishings and beautiful artwork to create rooms that express an individuals signature style.Lush photography shows a variety of ways to blend traditional and modern furnishings.Tips for displaying artwork for maximum impact.Ideas for using light and color to best highlight furnishings and artwork.Advice on how to display collections of artwork, porcelain, and glassware.Brief primer after each chapter advises how to choose and care for fine furnishings and artwork.Bonus section offers advice on wisely choosing the best pocketbook-friendly reproductions.