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Erin Swift : French Accents: At Home with Parisian Objects and Details before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised French Accents: At Home with Parisian Objects and Details:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. great findBy MichEven though I didn't love every style in the book, there was a lot to take away from it. I felt inspired by the way the homes were styled. Each picture felt like a loved place where someone lived, unlike a lot of photos you see in magazines and other books which feel over-styled, sterile, or the dreaded 'staged' look. It showed you how to use color, texture, and found objects you cherish. There is something for you in this book.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Paints Listed But to Which Room?By CustomerSince I am a Francophile, I loved this decorating book and got good ideas on where to incorporate French details in my 1915 house. There is a chapter that lists the names of different companies along with paint colors. Great! I was thrilled, however, the paint colors in all these beautiful rooms are not specified. I am looking for the perfect French blue for my dining room. I found just the colors within the pages of this book but can't figure out which paint color goes with which room. Bummer! I would have given it 5 stars but had to give it 4 instead.6 of 6 people

found the following review helpful. French Eye Candy By Barbara Chachko Loved every aspect of this book and hope to use many of the tips as I redecorate my home. Ms. Swift gives great examples of using American products to produce a warm and inviting environment.

This lavishly illustrated volume shows you how to choose fabulous French decorating details to create interiors with an unforgettable sense of sophistication and charm. French details are the key to achieving the effortless chic of the French home. The first step is to understand how the French see blending rich tradition with whimsy to achieve interiors that are as comfortable as they are stunning. Within these pages, acclaimed stylist Erin Swift offers a look at the exquisite homes of renowned designers, architects, and artists, simplifying the elements that define each room, such as color, art and furnishings, objects and accents, structure, and texture. Sharing the homeowners' visions, she also highlights hundreds of fascinating and unconventional decorating details that you can draw inspiration from: Hang vintage board games or a collection of clocks, each set to the time in a favorite travel destination on the wall. Balance impressive architecture with slipcovers in primary colors. Highlight antiques by tucking them into a kitchen or bathroom and display crystal or a stack of books like everyday sculpture. Elevate a pitched ceiling or a corner with artwork to make an event out of a space that would otherwise be overlooked. Galleries featuring dozens of choices for molding, stone and tile flooring, frames, paint colors, doorknobs, and textiles offer even more ways to add a French touch. With a comprehensive resource section, hundreds of photographs that will inspire those on any budget, and countless practical ideas, *French Accents* is the ultimate celebration of Parisian decorating in all of its ephemeral, individual, and incontrovertible style.

"Swift walks the reader through the Francophile's dream: the incredible French interiors of renowned artists, architects, and designers that she has spent years scouting....Swift excels most at indicating how exquisite, thoughtful details can transform a space....countless practical ideas for any budget." --Kevin Sharkey, *On My Bookshelf*

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