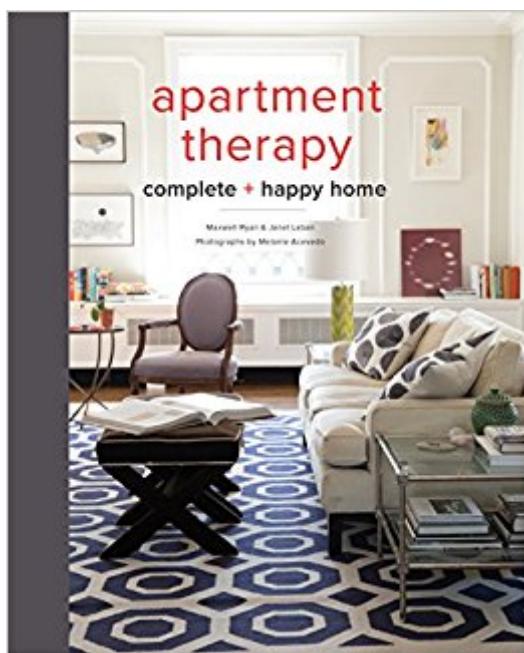


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# Apartment Therapy Complete And Happy Home



## Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERThe most comprehensive and complete home book from Apartment Therapy, featuring every aspect of design and decorating from floor plans to paint, specific rooms to style approaches, with the goal of setting up and living well in a place you love. A complete and happy home is so much more than a series of pretty rooms. Between these two covers, we've captured everything we've learned at Apartment Therapy about decorating, organizing, cleaning, and repairs, so you can make and maintain your own fabulous home. • "from the Introduction Getting a room to feel right is more instinct than science. You know a great space when you see it. Apartment Therapy trains your eye with more than 75 rooms, from bedrooms to kitchens and living rooms to kids' rooms and workspaces. Explore every detail—lighting, color palettes, flooring, and accessories—that brings a home to life and, most important, makes you happy in it.

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## Customer Reviews

"Apartment Therapy is a trusted, go-to resource for many of us—and now it's a book. Apartment Therapy Complete and Happy Home is a must-have coffee table tome that shines a light on the seemingly lost art of homemaking." "Refinery29" "The most definitive title from the blog that started a digital design phenomenon is a can't miss. Filled with helpful tips, inspiring photos, and approachable advice, it illuminates the design process for recreational designers who want to turn the everyday into something beautiful." "Lonny" "The brains behind the always clever and

creative Apartment Therapy website bring their expertise to the printed page with this value-loaded guide to finding and making a livable and personal home. Tips on choosing colors, floor plans and even light bulbs along with practical organizing and cleaning pointers make this a must-read." "Traditional Home"Even if she has the perfect house, there are great ideas to be had in [Apartment Therapy's] new book." "Every Day with Rachael Ray"Ryan and Apartment Therapy's executive editor, Janel Laban, have co-written a book that digs deep into the nitty-gritty of creating a home "the art of turning a few rooms full of furniture into a well-designed, livable, put-together space." "Houston Chronicle"Readers will find all the tools needed to find, make, and maintain a suitable home. Whether you're a seasoned homeowner looking to freshen up or organize your lair, or a first-time homeowner, this book might be just the ticket for taking your living space up a notch or two in the design department." "Detroit Home"Useful, pretty and full of information . . . It's easy enough to pick up and read 5 minutes at a time, and pretty enough to pick up and not even read a word." "Emily Henderson"In Maxwell Ryan and Janel Laban's newest and most comprehensive book, they offer practical ideas for setting up, organizing and living in whatever place you call home. The three-part book first helps you understand and evaluate your space and your personal style. In section two, you begin to train your eye by looking at 75 of the most well-styled rooms in the country. Finally, a guide to cleaning, repairing and room-by-room organizing helps you maintain your happy home all year-long." "The Atlanta Journal-Constitution"

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The cover is gorgeous, like really really pretty. The book is fine; the difference with most home decor books is that this one doesn't only show pictures of nicely decorated dwellings, but it also works as a guide to choose your house and to decide which style suits you best and how to accomplish it. The pictures are nice and bright and the size is fine. It is not like those huge coffee table books but it is big enough to display it in your living room. The reason I gave it four stars is because it has a design problem that can't be overlooked in a book about design and aesthetics.

Because of a poorly performed diagramming, there are incomplete sentences. Some paragraphs are just cut by the pictures and you have to guess what's written. It's hard to believe that no one noted this "detail" before sending this book to the printing. I must say it's very disappointing.

I was disappointed to find some graphic design errors in the layout of this book that leave a few paragraphs cut off and unreadable. I follow AT religiously and was surprised the publishing house didn't catch these. Otherwise, it's a helpful read. I would recommend Maxwell's first book even more highly. Although it's just a paperback in black and white, the advice is solid and I've gone back to it time and time again through the years.

I have been an avid follower and fan of apartment therapy.com for a few years and couldn't wait to get my copy of this book. It did not disappoint. Not only does it feature pictures of beautiful homes it also gives great tips from how to properly hang art to how to decide on and properly install window treatments. I love interior design and have a nice collection of design books. This is a great addition. I also love that the homes featured and design ideas are within my budget. Many of my design books although lovely to look at feature high end rooms and furniture out of my price range.

I was SO disappointed with this book! I pre-ordered and got a good price (and a cute red AT tote, thanks Maxwell!) I was so looking forward to flipping thru this book...but almost all of the photos are of UGLY, cluttered, dark rooms. Most of the decor featured is very oddball- and I don't mean kitschy or playful or unique. I found literally NO new ideas that I would incorporate into my space, most of the rooms in this book need makeovers IMO. The first part of the book contains great and useful decorating info and tips but that just wasn't enough to save the truly unappealing rooms featured. Sorry, this book was a FAIL.

While there is some great inspiration in this book, in case you're not familiar, I'd like to point out that "Apartment Therapy" is the name of the company/website that put this book together. Unlike their very first book, this book is NOT specific to apartments. It talks about "Common House Styles" and remodelling kitchens, indoor/outdoor bathrooms, outdoor gardens (like having a lawn), and stencilling floors. We have a lake house, for which I've purchased books like the Remodelista book, Elements of Style, and even The Decoration of Houses; I've referred to those over and over in my decorating pursuits. If you DO want ideas specific to a location that you might not be able renovate, please check out their first book. It's a nice enough book, beautiful, but I feel like I should have

waited and just read it in the bookstore. Especially how, as previously mentioned, some text is cut off by a picture on p.14.... Probably should have waited for the second edition, at least.

When I first got this book I was expecting a book on how to decorate an apartment. This seemed reasonable based on the title and cover. However I was missing a bit of information, that Apartment Therapy is a large blog that has put out at least two books. This book is much more about decorating a house than an apartment. The beginning actually goes over what types of houses there are and what to look for. If you are considering moving and want to design every part of your home this book has some useful information. It focuses less on working with the space you have in a creative and useful way, and more shows you lots of pictures of beautiful homes with lots of space to do whatever they wanted. If you were living in an apartment about half of this book wouldn't actually apply to you. It focuses a lot on how paint colors, and floor types really make a space come together. The second half of the book which is more about decorating, doesn't offer much advice. It has beautiful pictures of various spaces, but not much advice. However, I did enjoy the book. It has examples of different decorating styles, and sample color palettes. I think it could be helpful to figure out what style you actually like style wise. Maybe put a name to that style to better be able to express it.

My idea of apartment living and decorating is moving into a 1200 sq. ft. apt. after living in 2400 sq. ft. This book was geared for much larger spaces and more modern. Not what I had hoped for.

I love Apartment Therapy but this book was very weak. Only the most basic home care information. Might be a good gift for someone going to college or moving in to a first apartment, but that's about it.

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