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Patina Farm



Synopsis

A new farm home blending modern lines and materials with French antiques. When Brooke and Steve Giannetti decided to leave their suburban Santa Monica home to build a new life on a farm, they looked into themselves, and traveled to Belgium and France, for inspiration. Brooke's inviting prose combines with 200 photographs and Steve's architectural drawings to show their inspirations, their materials selections, and the enviable result of their team effort and creativity: an idyllic farm in California's Ojai Valley. We see every corner of the family home, guesthouse, lush gardens, and delightful animal quarters.

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Customer Reviews

This is a sort of sequel to the earlier book "Patina Style," which has long been one of our favorite coffee table books. I see "Patina Farm" as an extension and expansion of the design sensibility known now as "patina style." This new book is a sort of manifesto on the patina aesthetic, showing just how far you can take it and what happens when you orchestrate an entire built environment around the approach. What you get here is a thorough overview of the entire property, which consists of a wonderful home, surrounding gardens, and then things like a functioning dock and orchard. One thing I was surprised to find in this book, and it's something I really like, is examples of actual landscape and architectural planning. While many of the pages feature such things as pristine sitting areas and carefully decorated walls, you also get some rougher pencil sketches of plans for such things as the fenced vegetable garden, a patio area, and other purposeful contours in

the land. Books about interior decorating can make everything appear to almost magically take shape, as if through no work at all. This book shows some of the foundational work before hand that was essential in creating this aesthetic and the spaces that host it. With so many design books on the market, I like this one (and its predecessor) most of all because they fully indulge in a single approach and philosophy. Where other design books might represent themselves as "modern" or "DIY," they tend to shuffle through countless approaches to coordinating colors, textiles, and other material objects. This book is an extended treatise on a single approach and style, and by reading it you find yourself thoroughly saturated in this one perspective. In the way I see it, what comes out is a perspective on not only decorating, but on actually living.

I love their style and the photography in this book is the best. This book is very inspiring and a nice escape. I am a follower of their blog (which I highly recommend), but I am a regular customer, writing a regular review (I did not receive a free or discounted book). I never write reviews, but this book warranted one because it is that enjoyable to read or even to just skim the photos.

Beautiful pictures of both interior and exterior elements of this home. A casual way to live, yet elegant and comfy. I patterned my own home that we purchased and remodeled after this lifestyle. My home has only 2000 sq.ft. however you can achieve this look no matter the size. Well done Brooke and Steve your home is a real inspiration.

When designers, authors, and a publisher come together in a book as well-done as this one, it is a joy to the reader. We visit Patina Farm and with the fresh air of the style, we also breathe a little fresh air ourselves. I am reminded of how Bunny Williams shares her work, home, and life with readers--with a love for all. Brooke and Steve Giannetti make readers at home in their world--and it is a delightful place to be in some 175 pages. Yes, there is helpful information, floor plans, and the like--but more there is a joy of living and a personal vision that one can enjoy without reservation. One can dwell awhile in "Patina Farm," close the covers, and then return again and again. I think I will do just that.

This is a beautiful book, full of wonderful photographs of this pretty home. Interesting reading, and lots of sketches of the house to be built. I wonder as I read through it, why they chose miniature animals for pets, but they are truly cute, and everyone probably falls in love with this whole place.

Great book! Nice photography of a charming project. But what really set this work apart from many similar design books on the market are detailed yard and house plans and interior sketches with narrative and photography that nicely illustrates every area of the project and makes it easy for the reader to figure out where they are on the property.

Lovely, just that, lovely. a beautiful read and the photos are so calming. a real step back from our over stimulated world to a gentle place of soft colors and soft surroundings. I am modeling my tiny piece of mother earth after their garden and it is slowly becoming my escape from the clatter of the everyday world. mr. b has drawn the line at the donkeys, goats and chickens though. don't think it will get past our cc&r's. I will have to be happy with two yorkies romping amongst the roses and laveders. thank you for sharing your beautiful home with us. namaste

Not your typical coffee table design book. The book takes you through the design process from raw property, initial home design, landscape design, final construction and finished interior design. We are currently working on home and landscape design in the Texas Hill Country which incorporates many of the same elements such as a homesite on a low hill, century oaks, need for a large garden and stable on the lower landscape level, and the vision of multiple structures tied together with a central tree and gravel paths.

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