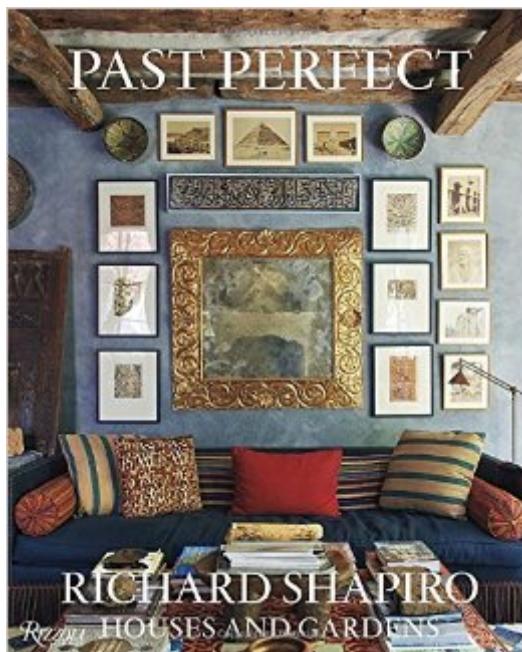


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# Past Perfect: Richard Shapiro Houses And Gardens



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In this exquisite monograph, designer and antiques dealer Richard Shapiro demonstrates the alchemy required to create a home that seems cultivated over many generations. Shapiro has mastered the art of crafting refined, cultivated spaces that transport their inhabitants to distant lands and past epochs. Designers and homeowners who wish to endow their homes with authentic European charm and character will be inspired by Shapiro's gift for conjuring Old World savoir faire. The book focuses on Shapiro's two magnificent, much-imitated homes, which provide a broad array of examples related to living graciously with antiques, replicating the aura of antiquity, and the complex challenge of marrying centuries-old building materials with new construction. Shapiro shares ideas from his work as a designer as well as lessons learned from years of collecting and selling antiques and fine art. As a manufacturer of furnishings with a distinctly European sensibility, he also brings to bear a thorough knowledge of production processes and finishing techniques based on Old World archetypes. With breathtaking new photography, the book functions as a master class, filled with illustrations and takeaways for readers, offering practical ideas and creative inspirations for channeling the glories of the past to enrich the present.

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OMG. What a beautiful book and beautiful photography. Sometimes you think you are unique but reading mr. Shapiro comments you realize that are people who think exactly like you do. Mr. Shapiro is an artist, a good one. There is not a single photografy or comment by him that i didn't like

. There is also one excellent section in which he explain how explain how to "fake" objects to be mixed up with the real antiques. Excellent taste! Feel a little envy!

What can I say? It just does not get any better than this book! I own about three hundred books on interior design and landscaping, and even though this book is limited to just two houses, both owned by Mr. Shapiro, it probably will become my favorite of all. Excellent!!!! So happy it came out and even happier I bought it!!

Brilliant book about a designer and his two dream homes. For all the grandeur Richard Shapiro creates -- and he does -- love the fact that he still gets down with the workmen and does a lot of the detailing himself, especially with the paint effects. He's my new hero. Now I just need to figure out how to meet him ;-)

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