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The Porch Book (Better Homes And Gardens) (Better Homes And Gardens Home)



Synopsis

Ideas and instruction for adding a porch to your home The Porch Book is inspiring and broadly instructive, showcasing the beauty and benefits of adding a porch to common home styles. A gallery of inspirational ideas includes porches designed for enhanced outdoor living, with an emphasis on those attached to decks and patios. Plenty of attention is given to structural considerations, such as bolstering framing to add a porch to a deck, adding a roof, footings and foundations, insulation and weatherproofing, and wiring and plumbing basics. From simple covered steps to grand verandas, porches are inviting, comfortable, gracious, and even genteel. They can add warmth to the coldest facade, increase energy efficiency, and offer a sweet sweep of shade outdoors. Turn to The Porch Book and flip through a section of before-and-after photos that demonstrate how front porches can radically improve the look of a home. Then, choose a construction style that complements your home and get ready to bring some added charm to your living space. Features before-and-after photos that inspire you to give your home's exterior a facelift Covers amenities that make porches more attractive, like lighting and fans, kitchen areas, decorative ceiling and wall treatments, flooring options, and much more Offers design construction topics, like using an architect, permit issues, adding entryways, and more Whether you're looking to upgrade an existing porch or build a new one from scratch, The Porch Book inspires and instructs you on everything you need to create a porch that invites you to slow down, sit back, take a big breath, and come together with family and friends.

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Customer Reviews

I liked this book so much when I saw it in the book store, that I bought it there instead of waiting to order it on .com, where I knew I could get it for less. I could not put the book down once I started reading it at home, and didn't stop until I had read pretty much the whole thing. I hope to have a house some day, and my main criteria is that it have a front porch. So many houses do not have porches nowadays. This book shows before and after photos of houses that were greatly improved by the addition of a porch or covered entryway. More than this, it focuses on style elements and details of different architectural styles, such as Colonial, Farmhouse, Victorian, etc. The book emphasizes staying true to the architectural style of the home, or to the look for the home that you are trying to achieve. There is also good information on building materials and practices. As a student in Architectural Computer Aided design, I am very happy to have it now in my reference library. I would like to be involved with home renovations someday and will look to this book for tips and inspiration. By the title and cover picture, one might think it is just another how-to book, or some light decorating ideas book. It is really much more than that. I really like this book!

Great book. Aside from porches, there is a great explanation of each architectural style. It is informative and an easy read.

Pictures of porches - not very specific in the design requirements

Very nice!!

excellent

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