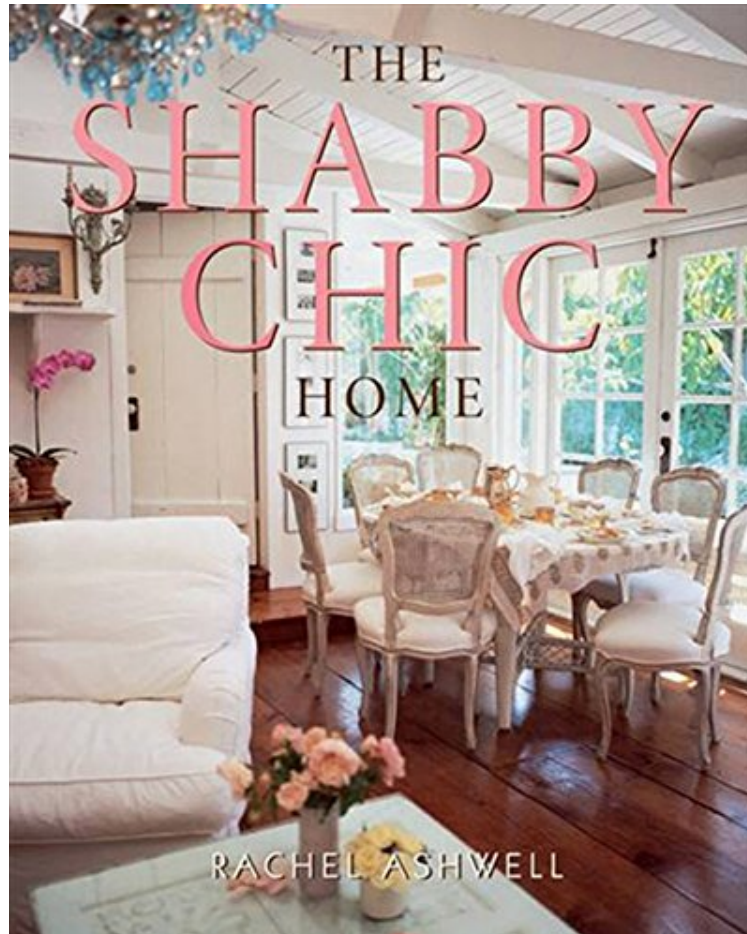


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**Rachel Ashwell : The Shabby Chic Home** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Shabby Chic Home:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. DisappointedBy lusty22I LOVE home decorating Books. In fact, I am addicted. I love cottage, shabby chic, country, and that particular style of decorating. This book claimed to be one of the better on shabby chic decor so I felt confident when ordering it. I don't love this author's style of decorating all that much and was shocked that she is the pioneer of shabby chic decor. This book is based on her personal house and she explains how she found it, bought it, decorated it, renovated it, etc. I found that to be boring as I really just like alot of photos and some nice ideas. Don't purchase this book if you are like me and prefer alot of photos. There are few and they are all placed with long explanations of her ideas, material swatches, hand written notes and idea boards, etc that she used when she renovated. I was bored to tears. The photos that are shown are bland and honestly kind of color deprived. Her style is not my style and it's not her fault, it's mine for not researching it better. I only write this review in case someone else is like me. I guess I may have mixed up shabby chic with cottage and her book is not like my

other cottage books. I have nothing against the author, we all have different tastes and opinions, I just was disappointed that I did not put my money toward a book I could look at for the next 10 years. Believe it or not some of my books I can look at over and over and never get bored! If anyone has an idea of a great cottage style decor book let me know. I have had alot of misses lately.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not What I Expected.By Rene McIntyreThis book isn't the Rachel Ashwell book that I thought it was: I had another book in mind when I purchased this one. However, I am reading it and it's not that bad. I like some of the things this book points out and I disagree with other things that it mentions. Overall, I would say that this book is alright.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I Have always loved this style and this is my favorite book of ...By JoanGWI Have always loved this style and this is my favorite book of Rachel Ashwell's. It is one of the few books I've kept. I just wish I could REALLY live with all that white. Maybe one day I'll try. In the meantime, I'll read this book for inspiration.

Shabby Chic designer Rachel Ashwell shows readers how to turn any house or apartment into a comfortable, functional, beautiful, and stylish home, in this bestselling guide to getting the most out of flea-market finds and vintage treasures.

.com Most people are familiar with the hallmarks of Rachel Ashwell's shabby chic style: fabrics in pastel florals and stripes, chintz sofa covers, antique-store and yard-sale finds turned into home furnishings and accessories. At the heart of this breezy style is a very practical idea: don't buy new--use what you have or can find at thrift stores and secondhand shops and enjoy the old-fashioned charm that only aged pieces acquire. The same idea goes for houses. The Shabby Chic Home shows how an older home can take on a shabby chic appeal by being brought up to date without sacrificing any of its charm. In *The Shabby Chic Home*, Ashwell walks readers through the renovation of her own 1920s home, from the purchase of the originally dark and gloomy house through the repainting (using layers and layers of white paint) of the home and the rebirth of the garden, yard, and pool, to the final decorating of the home for herself and her two kids. Along the way, readers receive advice on how to choose from among the thousands of paint colors, how to decide whether to live with the old or buy new, and why remodeling an older home might not be such a good idea. The latter part of the book explains how to add touches of shabby chic style to every room of a home--old or new--for a finished look. The result, shown in dramatic before-and-after pictures, is a home that's comfortable enough for a family to relax in, but still elegant and beautiful. Don't let the floral patterns and chenille bedspreads fool you: Ashwell's advice throughout is common-sense and economical. For instance, she recommends not wasting your time looking through every decorating option--if you like the first idea, color, or plan well enough, save yourself the time and stress and go with it. She also suggests resisting the immediate desire to throw out the old and bring in the new; try living with things as they are for a while, and you may find yourself surprised at how well you've come to like the funky tile in the bathroom or the noisy glass-door refrigerator. Here lies the appeal of a shabby chic home: sometimes old has a charm and lived-in look that can't be purchased from a home improvement store. --Kris Law  
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Ashwell (*Shabby Chic* and Rachel Ashwell's *Shabby Chic Treasure Hunting Decorating Guide*) shows how she transformed her own Malibu home, a 1920s natural-wood dwelling built by a Swedish boatbuilder, into a reflection of the "Shabby Chic" style that she has popularized with her home furnishings and fabric lines. Taking a house with "good bones," she dramatically changed the look of the house with simple adjustments, such as using lots of white paint. (To those who protested her painting the natural wood, she replied, "Oh, well.") Given the continuing tendency to gut or tear down older homes, her recommendations are refreshing. A good purchase for public libraries. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Another wonderfully photographic book from the founder of 'shabby chic' style." Alexandra Zissu, *US* magazine