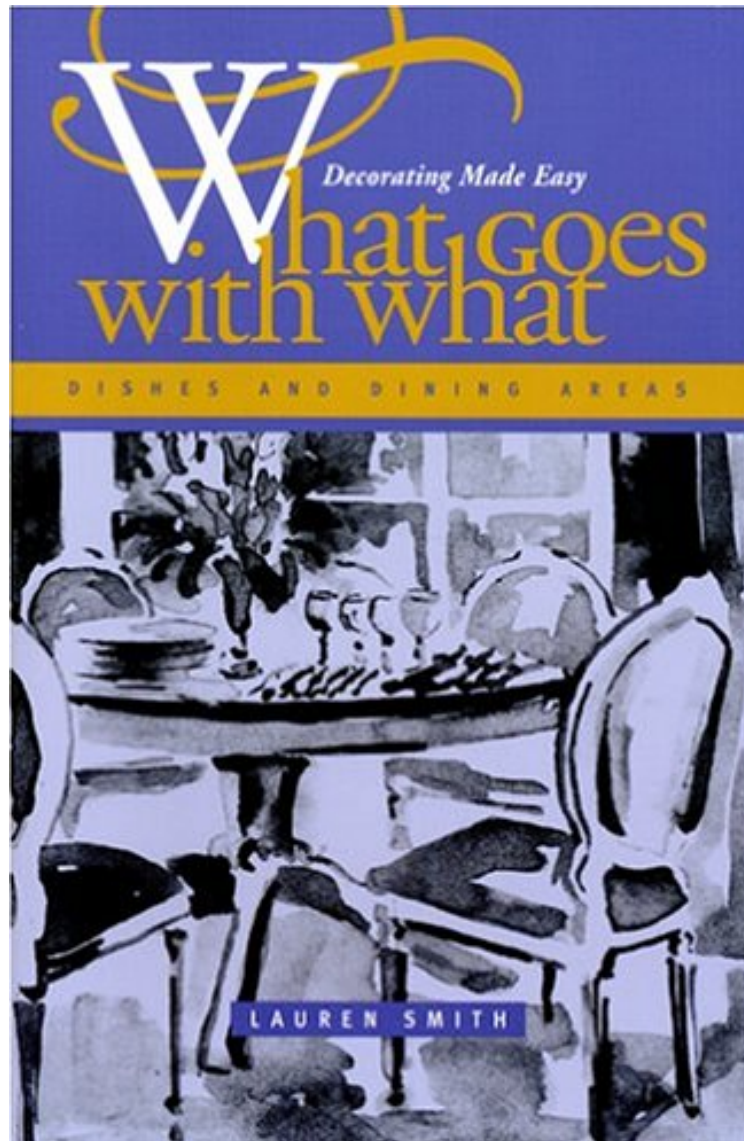


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Lauren Smith : What Goes with What Dishes and Dining Areas: Home Decorating Made Easy (Capital Lifestyles) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Goes with What Dishes and Dining Areas: Home Decorating Made Easy (Capital Lifestyles):

It's hard enough to find the right furnishings and tableware for your dining area, but it's even harder to put them all together in a room that fits your lifestyle. Now, in this third in Capital's popular What Goes With What series, well-known interior designer Lauren Smith comes to your rescue. Through easy-to-use lists, charts, simple black-and-white drawings, and wise words, she'll help you combine furnishings with tableware for the way you live - from daily dining to entertaining. First, take the enlightening WGWW Quiz to define your personal style, then learn to select and combine your dining room furniture with your dinnerware, flatware, glassware, linens, colors, accessories, and patterns - within your budget. Quickly and easily, discover how to change that look - to dress, set, and accessorize your table for a luncheon, dinner, special occasion or simple everyday dining. In this very easy-to-use guide, you'll also find a comprehensive list of resources for furniture, tableware, flatware, glassware, linens, and other decorating resources. This book is the answer for anyone who wants to decorate a new dining room or redo an old one - with simplicity and ease.

If you move the party from the kitchen, inevitably it will wind up in the dining room. And if you've never considered what makes a dining room more than a room to simply dine in, this guide is for you. Smith's manual for putting your imprint on some of the most important rooms in your home starts by asking questions rather than answering them. The first chapter's quiz allows you to equate your interests with periods and styles of accessories and furnishings. Once you identify whether you prefer Hepplewhite, Sheraton, Country Italian or Farmhouse Victorian, Smith explains what prints, patterns and textures make up the look as well as what to know when shopping for these items. Beyond furniture, lighting and textiles, a section on silver, china and crystal is an education to any new couple seeking to build their collections, or an individual who's ready to upgrade but never quite learned what a seafood fork looks like. (Karen Sommer Shalett, New Orleans Times-Picayune) You don't have to rely on your gut anymore to tell you whether a damask tablecloth goes with French Provincial furniture. Interior designer Lauren Smith can make the call for you. Smith is the author of What Goes With What: Dishes and Dining Areas, a decorating guide for the decorating-challenged. In the book, she helps readers determine their general decorating style -- formal, semiformal or informal -- and then choose dining-room elements that are right for the look. The book assumes the typical person doesn't have \$20,000 sitting in the bank, waiting to be dropped on the dining room, so it helps the reader estimate costs, set priorities and schedule improvements. It also gives readers a quick education on furniture periods; provides tips on shopping for furniture, dinnerware and linens; and gives ideas for dressing and decorating a dinner table. Dishes and Dining Areas is the third in Capital Books' What Goes With What series. (Mary Beth Breckenridge, Akron Beacon Journal) If you are at all insecure about home decor, a new series of books might make it all better. The What Goes with What series started with a primer subtitled Home Decorating Made Easy. It covered the basics involved in selecting a style, choosing a color scheme and coordinating fabric, wall coverings, window treatments and accessories. Interior designer Lauren Smith is expanding on that theme with her new book: What Goes With What: Dishes and Dining Areas. The book is just 127 pages, many of which are a resource list of where to find products. But the remaining pages contain valuable information on how to find your personal style, choose dining room furniture, select china, crystal and silver and how to dress your table for different occasions. It even offers a guide to setting the table. If you are just starting out, it's a fun read. (Nancy Herrick, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel) Smith provides an ample amount of tips and tricks of the designing trade -- all of which can be done with ease by even the most inexperienced (to say it nicely) of decorators. From colors and patterns to budgeting and accessorizing, Smith helps you find your personal style. The tips are geared toward teaching you how to pick tableware that will complement your furniture... (Roxanne Hack, Orange County Register) About the Author Lauren Smith is a noted interior designer, author, and president of the interior design firm, Lauren Smith, Inc. She is also the author of Your Colors at Home, Colors for Brides, and What Goes With What: Home Decorating Made Easy. She is frequently quoted in the press on decorating issues and has been a featured spokesperson for the television show "Taste of New York.". She lives in Florida..