

Young House Love: 243 Ways to Paint, Craft, Update Show Your Home Some Love

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Sherry Petersik, John Petersik : Young House Love: 243 Ways to Paint, Craft, Update Show Your Home Some Love before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Young House Love: 243 Ways to Paint, Craft, Update Show Your Home Some Love:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. My favorite go to House Warming Gift Book!By Amanda JI will be upfront - I love home magazines and books! I am a realtor and personally loved this book. I buy a stack of them every few months and give them to every new buyer that I sell a home to. I think their ideas are spot on and very much in keeping with what people have time to do and on budget. There are so many creative ways to make a home special without going out and buying thousands of dollars of stuff. The idea of tapping into ones creativity is very appealing to me.I think that you can live in a condo or apartment or a home and put this advice to work. For me this book is a practical and fun how to make your place of residence a comfortable home. I also think that the age range for this book is not limited to those under 35 either, the advice is great for people of any age. The photos and advice are easy to read and understand as well. I always loved Martha Stewart as well but I found her stuff too be too time consuming and difficult. This is the Jr. version of that but also keeping it real. This is a great gift for anyone wants to spruce stuff up at

home.86 of 93 people found the following review helpful. Generally a success, with a few flat notes

By BeshaniiI will start with a disclaimer that I am an avid blog follower, and am thus biased to like anything written by the Petersiks. As someone who was determined to love the book regardless of any flaws, I will do my best to be honest and objective in my appraisal.I had very high expectations for this book, and was incredibly excited to see that it had arrived at my house. I eagerly cracked it open and began reading. Overall, I would definitely recommend the book to any home decor enthusiast, but I have to painfully admit I was slightly underwhelmed. Most of my excitement flipping through the pages was driven more by the cute captions, glimpses of well known Petersik personnel (Gee, Clara, and Ramsey make appearances for any other YHL enthusiasts out there), and the personal forewords to each chapter, than by the majority of the actual projects.That's not to say there aren't gems inside; many very creative and useful ideas fill the pages (i.e. personalizing thrift store decor, creating your own artwork, alternatives to traditional knife blocks). Not to mention step by step instructions for painting furniture and cabinets, as well as a 'dummy guide' to a variety of DIY topics such as curtains and paint finishes. However, I felt that being a YHL reader was actually a detriment in some ways to finding novel inspiration from the book. Very few projects were truly original to the book, most I skimmed through having read similar projects on the blog. That being said, even with some concepts being 'repeats', it will be nice in the future to have everything bound in one volume, easily accessible without the internet.I appreciate the formatting of the book. John and Sherry did a fantastic job of categorizing projects by the relative expense, difficulty, and time needed for execution. There is a great balance between easy and cheap projects, with those that are a bit more labor and cost intensive. Many projects can also be easily personalized to an individual's tastes and preferences. Most projects, although not all, also include 'in-progress' photos to illustrate difficult steps, such as how to properly fold the corners of fabric when covering a dining room seat or headboard.Other readers have complained about the quality of the pictures inside; I personally found the photo layouts to be well executed, and aside from old childhood photographs, thought the quality to be acceptable. I do agree that the finish of the book (a matte paper versus glossy sheen) is a bit cheap-looking, but think this reflects more on the publishers than the authors themselves.In summary, I was definitely pleased with the book and plan to gift copies to several friends and relatives over the holidays. In my opinion, it is a book that anyone with a love of DIY, home improvement, or decor, would appreciate, but also agree with other reviewers that those looking for a more advanced or detailed how-to book will be left wanting more. For what the authors intended it to be, a very basic spring board of ideas, the book is highly successful and as a first book I think the Petersiks should be proud.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book for new homeowners or renters

By Anita SatyaprakashI'm an ardent follower of the YHL blog. As other reviewers have stated, some of the ideas presented in this book are similar to blog ideas. However, all of the being collected in one easily accessible resource, along with fresh perspectives and many new ideas, is very helpful to a new homeowner or renter looking to decorate on the cheap! Sometimes it takes looking at projects in many different ways before you find one that "speaks" to you.Why 4 stars instead of 5? Because many of the projects have illustrations instead of pictures. Although illustrations may get the concept across in a more concise way, in this age of Pinterest and Houzz, I think we all appreciate and are more inspired by "real-life" photographs instead of illustrations.Overall - great job, Sherry and John! I don't usually write reviews, but I love your blog so much that I wanted to support you by buying your book, and I really think you did a wonderful job!

This New York Times bestselling book is filled with hundreds of fun, deceptively simple, budget-friendly ideas for sprucing up your home. With two home renovations under their (tool) belts and millions of hits per month on their blog YoungHouseLove.com, Sherry and John Petersik are home-improvement enthusiasts primed to pass on a slew of projects, tricks, and techniques to do-it-yourselfers of all levels. Packed with 243 tips and ideasboth classic and unexpectedand more than 400 photographs and illustrations, this is a book that readers will return to again and again for the creative projects and easy-to-follow instructions in the relatable voice the Petersiks are known for. Learn to trick out a thrift-store mirror, spice up plain old roller shades, ""hack"" your Ikea table to create three distinct looks, and so much more.

From Publishers WeeklyDo we really need another forum for glib and talented bloggers to instruct novice decorators? Yes, as it turns out, we do. The Petersiks, whose snail-mail address is Richmond, Va., and whose Internet address is www.younghouselove.com, splashed into the blogosphere when they decided to document upgrades to their dark, dated home. After the makeover, bright colors and light prevailed. While the couple has an obvious flair for transforming fixer-uppers, at first glance, the book's projects look elementary. Stack books in the fireplace in its idle seasons? A voracious reader of shelter magazines could have thought of that. Still, the very simplicity of some of their ideas might be a virtue. Completing something far less than a full makeoverlike a task that can be done in an eveningcould be a genuine confidence builder. And the book is solidly apartment-friendly. There is some gold, like the steps to reupholster a chair, hidden in tips for framing and stenciling accessories. This book is a natural for beginners. Experienced do-it-yourselfers should keep looking. (Nov.) Allow us to introduce you to the king and queen of DIY: John and Sherry Petersik [whose] first book is jammed with more than 200 ideaseverything from rehabbing furniture

to customizing a backsplash. Redbook No-attitude advice and step-by-step directions for lots of everyday projects. Washington Post Loaded with pictures, tips, and step-by-step tutorials, the Petersiks book offers a fresh and not-too-serious approach to infusing a home with personality. Dallas Morning News DIY gurus John and Sherry Petersik show how to radically reinvent plain pieces. Country Living This book is a natural for beginners. Publishers Weekly