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Inspirational and Trending Selections for Today's Home

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ORGANIZATION & IMPROVEMENT

"Life can feel overwhelming," is the first line of *Clean Mama's Guide To a Peaceful Home: Effortless Systems and Joyful Rituals For A Calm, Cozy, Home* (HarperOne) – and isn't that the truth? In this workbook-style book, homecare expert and author Becky Rapinchuk details her quick and simple home cleaning methods so we can focus on the things that really matter in our lives. You go Mama!



House to Home: Designing Your Space for the Way You Live (Roost Books) is a serious, yet beginner-friendly guide to just about everything you need to know on finding or building, and designing and decorating, in order to achieve what author Devi Dutta-Choudhura, AIA, calls a "modern home." If the term evokes an unattainable picture of clean lines and Scandinavian neutrals for you, let that go. By modern, Dutta-Choudhura simply means a home that you can live in today. This is the modern world, is it not?



If getting the most out of every square inch of your abode is your aim, then *How We Live Now: Making Your Space Work Hard For You* (Ryland Peters & Small) can take you to the goal line. In it, author Rebecca Winword addresses apartment dwellers and homeowners who wish their home could be a little bit bigger, or a little bit more practical, or a little bit more stylish. Don't we all?



NATURAL & ECOLOGICAL

Home for the Soul: Sustainable and Thoughtful Decorating and Design creates an instantly inviting and, well, soulful feeling, as authors Sara Bird and Dan Duchars show how to create interiors that are both beautiful and ecologically responsible.



After writing "Wild at Home" and "Wild Interiors," what was there left for designer and author Hilton Carter to do but come out with *Wild Creations: Inspiring Projects to Create plus Plant Care Tips & Styling Ideas for Your Own Wild Interior?* (CICO Books). The book's three sections say it all: Wild Ideas, Wild Hacks and Wild Rants. Read it and go wild!



HOME TO LOVE

The mission behind the book *Design the Home You Love: Practical Styling Advice To Make The Most of Your Space* (Ten Speed Press) is the same as when its authors, Lee Mayer and Emily Motayed, launched their ebusiness Havenly Online Interior Design – that's to make professional, interior design accessible to everyone.

Although she admits to rebelling against the kind of spotless, clutter-free homes she sees in magazines, Emily Henson's real motivation for writing the blog, and now the book, *Life Unstyled: How to Embrace Imperfection and Create a Home You Love* (Ryland Peters & Small), is to showcase homes that are not only inspiring and stylish, but also lived in and constantly evolving.



JUST BECAUSE

If you want to feel soft and magically happy, then open to a page of Rachel Ashwell's *Painted Stories: Vintage, Decorating, Thoughts, and Whimsy* (CICO Books). Styled as a personal notebook, *Painted Stories* is full of ideas, images, and observations by Ashwell, founder of the iconic Shabby Chic brand in 1989. There's an entire chapter on dress up and make believe. Case closed!

