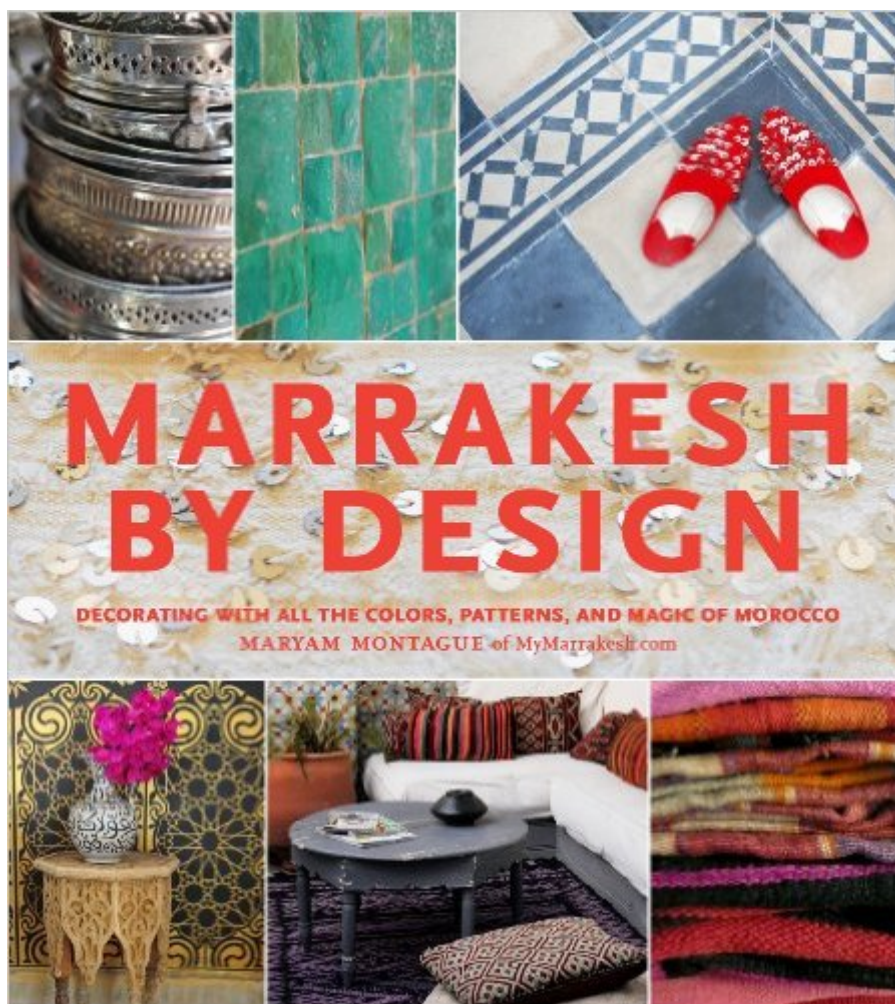


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# Marrakesh By Design



## Synopsis

Moroccan design, from the tiled floors to the colored walls, sculpted ceilings, embroidered fabrics, Berber tents, fountains, gardens, and more. In a world filled with beige interiors, Morocco is the perfect antidote: a refuge for addicts of saturated color, a haven for devotees of intricate pattern, a destination for admirers of striking architecture. For anyone who wants to add Morocco's spicy design mix into their own home, Maryam Montague, the personality behind the award-winning blog *My Marrakesh*, explains how to do so with the building blocks of Moroccan design—from the colors, patterns, and textiles to the archways, fountains, gardens, and so much more. With illustrative text and gorgeous photographs, Maryam shows how Moroccan design comes to life in real villas and riads and in her own magnificent home and guesthouse. Eager DIYers will love the ideas presented in sidebars and in how-to projects that can be applied to homes anywhere. Filled with all the richness of Morocco, *Marrakesh by Design* will transport readers straight to the souks and salons of this exotic city while showing them the multitude of ways to live with the enticing elements of Moroccan design.

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## Customer Reviews

*Marrakesh by Design* is a stylish and informative book with some stunning pictures. I read it from cover to cover since it arrived yesterday. Unlike other design books, this one is actually a useful addition to our library. Of course it looks beautiful on the coffee table too! I particularly like part III of the book on sourcing, which catalogues the very best of Moroccan products. We are not talking

about mass produced souvenirs, but rather individually hand crafted collectables with the artisanal skills that are disappearing quickly these days. I highly recommend this book only to those with discerning taste, and to those who love to live surrounded by beauty!

Timeless is a great way to describe the style of Marrakesh and all the designs that the author presents in this book. The very impressive design versatility from Morocco is apparent on every page. The photography is truly amazing. The work thoroughly researched and beautifully presented with flavors of Moroccan architecture, beauty, culture and design. A wealth of how-to ideas for interior design and architecture also make this book very practical. Highly recommended for anyone interested in Moroccan design. Maryam Montague's work is truly inspirational.

Brilliantly researched with an extraordinary attention to detail, Maryam Montague's *Marrakesh by Design*, presents an American woman's revelations about discovering the style and traditions of Moroccan home living - from the ground up. For those who have been fortunate enough to follow Maryam's regular blogging posts on My Marrakesh, you won't be the least bit surprised, only delighted, to discover that the #1 favorite blog in Africa has so comfortably been transformed into a handsome, practical, often whimsical guide to creating and enjoying the best of Moroccan design. First of all, it is not about having money. Let's get that out of the way. It is about imagination and style built around centuries old traditions. Maryam is as much about the 'why' in her writings, as she is about the 'how'. Richly illustrated with page after page of photographs and ideas, readers will find inspiration in the way this delightful book guides us through the alluring charms and mysteries often seen in Moroccan homes. For a decade I directed the public relations for HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Magazine. What has made HB America's oldest most treasured magazine about the home, is the same thing that Maryam has captured in *Marrakesh by Design*. Attainability! Anyone can attain their own Moroccan flavored space - from a bathroom to an entire home - by purchasing this book and letting Maryam guide you.

*Marrakesh by Design* arrived yesterday and is wonderful. I was lucky enough to know Maryam and Chris way back when Peacock Pavilions was still a dream. Now it's all finished and gorgeous. Obviously living in Marrakesh gives one access to a world of delights, but I thought the book would give someone with an interest in design and color much food for thought and oodles of ideas to help their own lives more colorful even if they live continents away. A total treat for the eye and spirit!

This book is NOT for the serious traveler, or anyone really interested in design. It is geared to the person who has never left home but wants to appear to have seen the world. It includes many "how to" categories such as How to stencil a floor, How to make a coffee table from a window, How to dye a concrete floor, How to make mint tea, and more. It is all superficial and has very little to do with Morocco. You'll understand more about Morocco from reading a travel guide. As a registered architect, I have traveled to Morocco a few times. This book "Marrakesh by Design" gives the reader very little flavor of the TRUE Morocco. I would recommend the two Thames and Hudson publications - Morocco Modern, and Living in Morocco, which are a much better choice for understanding the culture and the visuals. If you want to learn how to make mint tea ... read a book on making tea, and not this one. Please note that I do NOT work for or represent any book publisher.

For years I've been reading this author's online blog (My Marrakesh) and I was excited to pre-order her first design book. I love the unique combination of earthiness and glamor that comes across on her Moroccan style blog. The book arrived slightly ahead of schedule from (how nice!) and I've been deeply engrossed in it ever since. We've got a couple of other Moroccan design inspiration books but this one is by far the best and most comprehensive. Maryam's content is much more informative about aspects of Moroccan architecture and design while remaining a delight to read. The abundant photographs, almost needless to say, are gorgeous and very inspiring. She also includes some wonderful do-it-yourself projects and recipes. This is a must-buy book if you care for Moroccan design but I think any serious lover of art & design will really appreciate it too. There is so much to learn from Moroccan traditions and influences and Maryam Montague is a superb teacher and practitioner. The only thing that frustrates me about this wonderful book is being unable to visit Morocco just yet -- it's veryveryvery close to the top of my wish-list.

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