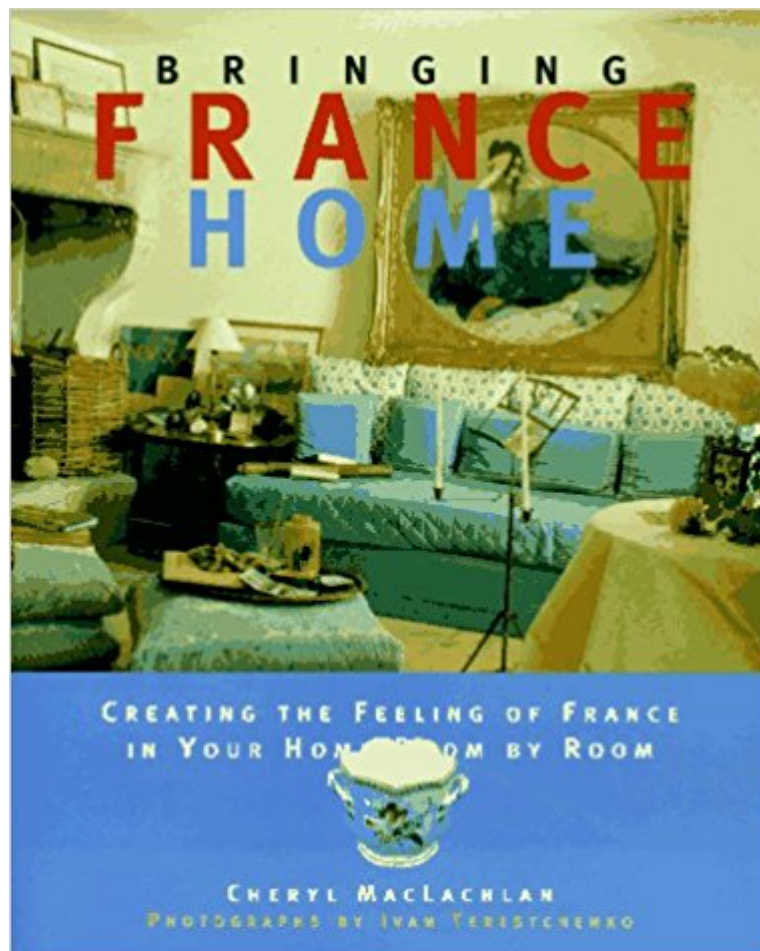




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# Bringing It Home - France : Creating The Feeling Of France In Your Home Room By Room



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Cheryl MacLachlan has traveled frequently to Europe, and to Paris in particular, which she called home for nearly two years. She is a former associate publisher of *Esquire*, where her responsibilities included over-seeing the magazine's offices in London, Paris and Milan. In addition to writing the *Bringing It Home*® series, she covers life-style topics for magazines such as *Town & Country*, *Health* and *Travel Holiday*. She currently resides in New York City. Ivan Terestchenko is a photographer and illustrator based in Paris. He contributes frequently to such magazines as *World of Interiors*, *Vogue* and *Figaro*, and his book credits include the photographs and watercolor illustrations for *The Garden Room* (Potter, 1993).

It was really nice to read the various aspects of French life and their passion for creating a very warm environment at home. Even though I have a townhouse, it gave me ideas on how to rearrange my lamps and vases and grouping them together and even what to put on my table. I'm not gifted in decorating but the ideas she gave as to how the French decorate their homes was easy to apply to my own "mansion." It was fun reading it and I thoroughly enjoyed. When I told others about it, they wanted to read it too. Even my 10 year old nephew who is very much into homes, borrowed it. He's very gifted in the arts. It's nice to know that the book appealed to him.

Delivery was quick and happy with the book.

Great book!

MacLachlan has created an interesting addition to the library of books on French style. She includes interesting and helpful sections describing various styles of furniture, types of cheese, and the like. It also has good ideas for those of us not in the megabucks decorating league.

Do not miss this book! Contains excellent ideas.

I was afraid that this book would be too over the top for an average decorator like me---but it wasn't! The author has done a wonderful job at showing the reader all the various FRENCH styles:.... not only the more classic French styles, but also the more natural (Cottage) French style of decorating. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and I will certainly refer to this book over and over again.

Twelve years after its first publication, Cheryl MacLachlan's *Bringing It Home: France* is still engaging and reassuringly practical. Not only does she provide detailed instructions on how to achieve authentic French interiors for all budgets--not just chateaux or upscale "French country"--her book also contains a wealth of information about related topics, such as four common fabrics (toile, jacquard, petit point, and provencal prints) and how to set a French table. In researching the design and decoration of French houses, I've found this book to be far and away the most useful reference.

Cheryl MacLachlan has created a series of references that help Americans to create a European

style for their home. Bringing it home: France is the book home decorators need to create the enticing style of France. Ms. MacLachlan leads us throughout the French style home, always pointing out the essence of the look in each room. She provides lists, and discusses each item, so that the French interior will shine through. She takes the reader on tours of markets and shops to visualize what to look for to assimilate the French attitude into their home decor. She is the reader's own tutor of the culture of the French home. When you take this volume into your hands, Ms. MacLachlan will teach you how to live, entertain, and even educate your children like the French. It's a lovely way to approach life! Vive la France!

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