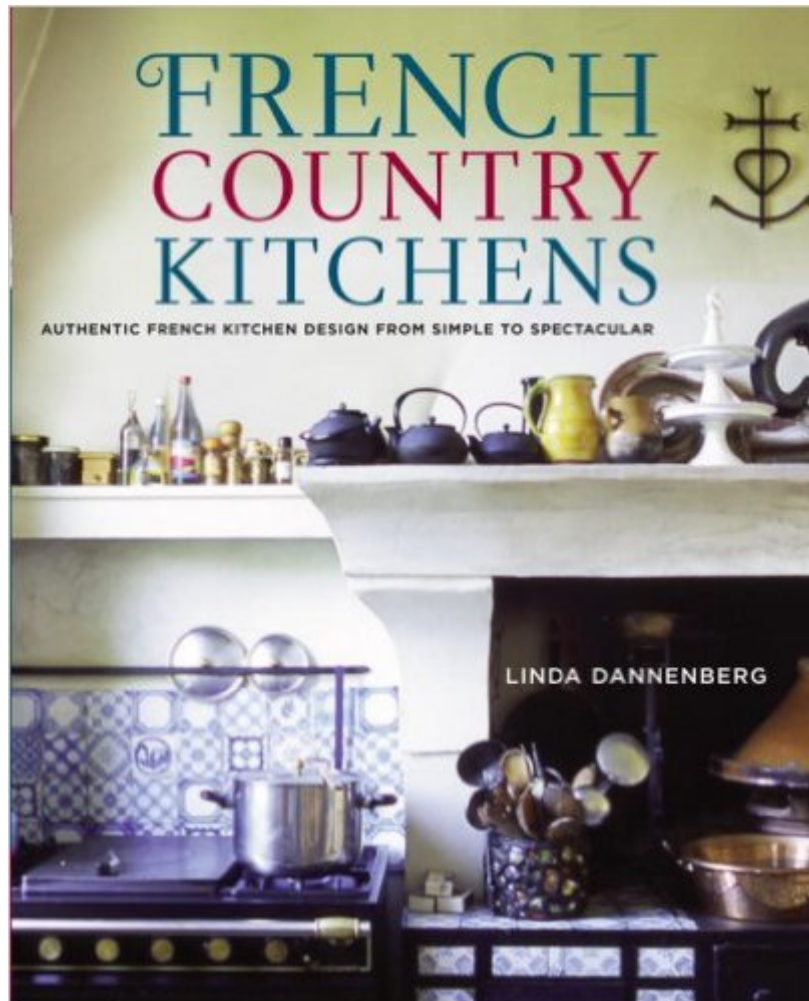


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# French Country Kitchens: Authentic French Kitchen Design From Simple To Spectacular



## Synopsis

“When I think back on all the homes I’ve visited in the French countryside” and “I’ve visited hundreds over the last twenty-five years” it is almost always the kitchens I remember most clearly and recall with the most affection. • “From the introduction The kitchen is truly the heart of the home, and nowhere is this exemplified with more style and personality than in France. Distinguished by striking craftsmanship, bold colors, and vintage accents, the French country kitchen “whether a rustic retreat or an urban oasis” is always unique and inviting. In this beautiful celebration of France’s real-life kitchens, French style authority Linda Dannenberg invites us into dozens of kitchens that capture the spirit of their regions, carefully examining the design, the priorities of the owners, and the details “from color palettes to collectibles” that create inviting, functional, and personal spaces. You’ll visit a remarkable new “eighteenth-century” kitchen in the heart of Paris’s old garment district designed entirely with elements dating from the 1700s; an airy, open family kitchen in a Provençal house that was once a grain mill; a dramatic kitchen, bold in color and scale, in an elegant farmhouse in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence; a romantic country kitchen, illuminated by a Palladian-style window from an old abbey, in a welcoming village surrounded by the farmland of the Île-de-France; and a casual Parisian space “once an atelier occupied by Pablo Picasso” featuring a kitchen with subtle, restrained mosaics. Distinctive elements that characterize these welcoming spaces are examined in depth, from tile work to the French way with color. You’ll even find recipes that capture the spirit of the French kitchen. With an extensive directory of sources, more than 200 full-color photographs, and evocative text highlighting a bounty of original ideas, French Country Kitchens is a lush and inspiring guide to re-creating a little corner of France in the heart of your own home.

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## Customer Reviews

Kitchens To CherishI bought this book after reading a New York Times review that mentioned that the book featured kitchens in the French countryside that were "cherished." Now I cherish this book! It presents a very interesting selection of kitchens from Paris to the Berry to Provence, and they're not all fancy, designer-created affairs seen in high-end catalogues and glossy interior magazines. Each one seems to have its own personality and style, and an interesting story to go with it. I especially liked the quirky kitchen in Clermont-Ferrand where everything, even the appliances, is on wheels, and the chapter featuring three tiny, charming kitchens, because it gives me lots of ideas about how to upgrade my own small space. I also found the chapters that define various elements of French country style - the tiles, the colors, the furniture - helpful and fun to leaf through.

I truly wish I could give this book more than 5 stars. I've been visiting France since I was a child and love the country, so I was thrilled to receive this book. It reminds me of so many places where I was welcomed and had great meals. The photographs are very evocative and beautifully detailed, and the text eloquently and artfully explains the thought processes behind each kitchen design, which I found interesting. In the back of the book is an informative source listing for fabrics, tiles, furniture, and even rentals in France. I recommend this book to both armchair travelers and designers as a source of inspiration and a buying guide.

I have never written a review on before even though I have spent many hundreds of dollars buying books from them. But this book has inspired me to do so. I quite simply adore this book. I read it cover to cover, poring over each picture on every page. Now I browse through it on a regular basis. The kitchens are all authentic French kitchens, most quite rustic. The author spends several pages highlighting each of 20 kitchens showcased. They are separated into five sections: A Taste for Tradition, Stylish Simplicity, Rustic Country, Small but Full of Soul, and Contemporary Country. There was not one kitchen I disliked, and several I can't stop thinking about. I loved the fact that the last page of every kitchen was a recipe from the owner. I'm not a Francophile. I went to France once and can't say I was overwhelmed. But obviously I was visiting the wrong places.

This is a book about country kitchens in France, not about kitchens in the US that wish they were in France. It's filled with great photos and very good explanations about how the French work in their kitchens. The photos and writing reveal the differences in how the French shop for food, how they eat, and how they live in their kitchens. Very little granite, often not too pretty in the USA sense, the book picture charming collections and methods of organizing.

Lovely photos, interesting reading and some nice recipes worth trying. I highly recommend if you are thinking about creating your own French/Euro kitchen anywhere in the world. This book will definitely give you the basic ideas and looks to begin your project.

Great photos, kitchens, layouts, tables. Nicely written descriptions, and a source guide in the Appends covering France and the States. Covers kitchens with particular themes: farmhouse; urban; rustic; and others. Includes discussions on Colors, Tile work, design, accessories. The recipes look wonderful too, and I'm anxious to try some. A wonderful book, highly recommended, and one that will be at-hand on my design shelf. Linda's other books are very good too.

Lots of pictures, recipes ... I love it! I'm building a mid-century French Dollhouse Kitchen and wanted pictorial material. Looking at everything from walls, floors, stove surrounds, ovens, cabinets, sinks to dishes, pottery and utensils. This gave me everything! I was mainly focused on the interiors, the recipes are a bonus. They show you vintage utensils, stone sinks, etc.

I actually found a copy of this book at a local liquidation store. Being both a bibliophile and someone who loves to cook, of course I bought it. So one of these days, when I'm rich enough to build my dream house, I'm going to take kitchen design ideas from this book. I'm also dreaming of trips to France. I've been once to Paris and once to St. Die Des Vosges, and now I want to see much more. Whether you enjoy kitchen design or travel in France, or both, I highly recommend this book.

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