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Lovable Livable Home: How To Add Beauty, Get Organized, And Make Your House Work For You



Synopsis

This New York Times bestselling book is packed with thoughtful advice and inspiring photos to help you create a home filled with beauty and meaning. In the three years since Sherry and John Petersik wrote their bestselling book *Young House Love*, they have bought a new house and had a new baby, and they have seen their design perspective evolve right along with their family. In their latest book, they've set out to prove that just because you have kids or pets doesn't mean you're sentenced to floors overrun with toys or furniture covered in plastic. Through never-before-seen makeovers in the Petersiks' own house, doable DIY projects, and a gallery of other inspiring spaces, *Lovable Livable Home* shows how beautiful homes can be functional too.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed the Petersik's first book, *Young House Love*, so I picked up their latest today and just finished reading it. Sherry and John have a casual and approachable writing style about decorating. Their book is meant for real people who want to learn more about how to design and decorate their homes. As an interior designer for many years, I enjoy reading design books written by younger people, as I always get new ideas. The book is divided into seven sections; living, eating, sleeping, washing, entry, working and playing. The Petersik's believe that one's home can be both beautiful and comfortable and functional. Their main goal is to show the reader how to achieve this. They

have kids and a pet and want everyone to live comfortably and still enjoy the beauty of their home. The book has lots of full color photographs. Before and after makeovers. Step by step instructions and DIY projects. They include both large and small design and renovation projects. They also conducted an online poll of 35,000 people to see what people like in their homes--fun! Overall, I found this book to be an inviting and illuminating read. Enjoyed it very much! Would also recommend their first book.

I was a huge fan of the Young House Love blog and pre-ordered this book hoping to see a little bit more of this family's life and home. However, if you are buying this book to see the "never-before-seen makeovers in the Petersiks's own house" don't bother - they have already posted almost all of them online and don't go into much more detail in the book. However, if you ARE interested in seeing hundreds of beautiful photos of different people's homes (and how they made it work for them) then this is the book for you. The book is clearly organized and while some of the Petersiks' suggestions are average at best, the beautiful photos make up for it. Overall I would say this book is worth the money, though it didn't entirely live up to what I had hoped it would be.

This book reflects why the blogosphere fell in love with them! Their ideas are inspiring, affordable and attainable. I've lived on a budget for years and find so much inspiration from their ideas. How great to be able to recognize and afford products.... And how delightful to see updates on their third house since they've stepped away from their beloved blog over a year ago. I will read and reread this book for a long time to come. Thank you Petersiks for helping us to all love our homes a bit more.

It's better than the first book. Their style has evolved a bit and it shows throughout the book. I really liked several of the featured homes. The pictures are crisp and overall I thought it was laid out more efficiently than the first book but I wouldn't say it's my fave decorating book of all time. Wondering when Sherry will make her comeback on the blog..

I love YHL and followed them since the beginning. The book is great for about 10 minutes. I wanted to support them, I'm glad I purchased but it's a bit lacking for unique ideas. There could be more. Flipped through it in a breeze, like a picture book.

I adore Young House Love and this book has so many great ideas. So far I've made my daughter a headboard with their tutorial, mounted some old coins in a shadow box, and have plans for 2 of their ideas for Christmas presents.

Young House Love helped us bring so much joy to our home. When it was published in 2012, we had just bought our first home and we felt overwhelmed. We weren't sure of our style, our skill set, or our budget. Young House Love really inspired us and as we grew as a couple, our home grew with us. Three years later, somehow the follow up slipped under my radar. I just got my hands on Lovable Livable Home last week and it felt like catching up with old friends. Hey Sherry and John, it's been a minute! LOVABLE AND LIVABLE IS JUST ABOUT THE SWEETEST SWEET SPOT YOUR HOME CAN HIT. I can't agree more with the quote above! My husband and I have gotten comfortable in our home, but we're lacking inspiration, especially for our mostly empty walls. Our rooms are functional out of necessity, but aren't exactly fun. Our space works, it's livable, but it's not lovable. So that was my goal when I cracked the spine on Lovable Livable Home. What I found were great ideas to freshen up our walls with unifying colors, patterns, and textures that carry and flow through our open floor plan downstairs. There are pieces we treasure, such as an antique gun my grandfather built, that we hide away. We really should be displaying these pieces that mean so much to us. While the entire book is full of ideas, there are some sections I'll be flipping back to: Five Ways to Add Aged Elegance Turn a Family Recipe into Art Mix Materials, Styles, and Price Ranges An Unusually Themed but Not Themey Nursery Wall Covering for the Win Sneak a Mudroom into Your Kitchen Lovable Livable Home is packed with ideas and tips for homeowners and renters. It really pushes you to embrace the imperfection of your real life, design with it in mind, and really enjoy the home you create. Review originally appeared on my blog, Monograms & Margaritas.

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