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The New Bungalow Kitchen



Synopsis

The American love affair with the Bungalow continues. And in this most adored housing style, it is the kitchen that homeowners must most often restore, renovate, or remodel. But no one wants an authentic Bungalow kitchen, which was a rustic space that usually featured just a stove, a hoosier, and a sink. While there are books that describe the authentic Bungalow kitchen, there are few that show readers how to update a Bungalow to handle today's lifestyle needs and personal preferences. Happily, manufacturers today understand the demand, and there are many material and appliance options for homeowners--and the designers they hire--to bring contemporary convenience and beauty to an updated or new Bungalow kitchen. The New Bungalow Kitchen not only provides wonderful historical nuggets about Bungalow kitchens, it offers a plethora of ideas about how to create a tastefully restored or remodeled kitchen, or build new within the style.

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Customer Reviews

What a joy to pick up a book and see photos of lovely kitchens in my size -- meaning, not McMansion. I am so disheartened by all the kitchen porn featuring 48 inch ranges under huge hoods behind islands with seating for six! Though the book specifically references the bungalow

style, the photos and narrative describe how the Colonials and Tudors evolved early in the century, and there is plenty of visual and descriptive information applicable to these styles too. I especially liked the emphasis on finding ways to use authentic materials and styling while incorporating modern appliances, from lighting to cooking and even surfaces. The earlier book, Bungalow Kitchens, took on a very proscriptive voice, for example, absolutely banning in-ceiling spot lights. New Bungalow Kitchens, by contrast, is much more ecumenical, recognizing it is no sin to want to acknowledge and utilize the best of the current offerings, and provides real guidance on how to accomplish this without blatantly violating the period aesthetic. There are lovely kitchens in both dark stained and light painted finishes. It seems the author has a few favorite kitchens that were pictured over and over throughout the book. But the ones he chose certainly bore up well in their close-ups. I got several ideas that I can actually use, in fact, probably more ideas than I can actually use.

This book is really helpful. The bungalows in my area are not "pure" bungalows- and Labau says that there is a lot of variation in bungalows and I am now confident that the house I was looking at is a bungalow. Many other books show the 3 classic types of bungalow and that's it. I got the Kindle Edition of this book and it was so helpful that I ordered 2 hardcovers on bungalow design suggested by (in the "you may also like" that were not available in the Kindle Edition. The other two were okay but not as good as this one. I am planning to buy the hardcover of the Labau book because my Kindle is B&W so I read it on my tablet. It is the type of book where I would like to look back and another page or ahead and that's tougher for me to do on the tablet reader. Some reviewers commented on the pictures. If you are only buying this for the pictures, it seems that Taunton Press books use many of the same pictures in different titles. If you have others by Taunton Press, some of them may be in this book as well, but Labau has mostly kitchen pictures.

I'll be honest - I bought it for the pictures. We are in the process of remodeling our 1920s shingle craftsman kitchen and wanted ideas. Imagine our surprise when we noticed the same picture on three pages... then another on two.. then another on two. Instead of getting more case studies, the authors just reprinted some photos several times in several chapters to draw out the length of the book. Sure they had additional info in subsequent chapters but couldn't it have just been consolidated to make space for more photos? Also, a number of these kitchens are repetitive and a few are just completely incorrect in terms of 'bungalow style'. But it is a pretty book and the quality of the printing is good. So, three stars...

Nice ideas but tedious, often repeated views of the same kitchen. And, very pricey ideas at that. Very high-end is nice but not what I had in mind at all. I will stick to my own game plan and complete my bungalow kitchen without breaking the bank, thank you very much.

and hired the architect! Peter designed our new home with every bit of the design, art sense and historical knowledge / context he brings to this book on kitchens. Wonderful pictures, good solid information - it was a wonderful source of ideas as we built our new home. If you like bungalow style, you'll enjoy this kitchen book. Our new home is not bungalow style, I do love that style however not only for it's simple beauty but for the many practical aspects it encompasses. The images in this book gave us a lot of good discussion points as we worked through the details of the kitchen.

Nice quality book with pretty pictures. I didn't find it that inspiring for its intended use of new construction so I sent it back. Would be better in restoration I think. No problems at all with returning though I did have to pay shipping because it wasn't a problem with the product. That is 's policy and I knew that when I bought

great product

We are remodeling a 1972 ranch house into the style of a 30s bungalow though we don't have an unlimited budget. The good thing about this book was the photographs to help me pick fixtures, lighting, etc. to add the appearance of a bungalow house. Wouldn't recommend it as a step by step just suggestions for ideas.

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