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No one has a happier sense of hue and pattern than Jonathan Adler! Inspiring readers to be fearless in their decorating choices, Adler guides us through color-drenched rooms, from True Blue and Going Rouge to Champagne Sparkle. Every chapter is devoted to his thoughts on one color scheme, and he reveals his go-to paint chips, favorite fabrics, and personal color muses, like Diana Vreeland and Grace Jones.

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Rebecca says

I don't know what's up with me and the decorating books lately, but I love reading about color! This guy is still a little over-the-top for me (no "less is more" going on in his designs), but he gives a lot of proof that opulence, lack of inhibition, and tons of personality ("Love What You Love") can work when tweaked just right. Also, this is a super-fancy book that you will want to pet. How many times have you seen spot varnish used on endpapers?! Talk about opulence!

Tidbits:

A ping-pong table is "a must-have item of furniture for any aspiring funster."

tablescaping

"chambeige" = neutral

paintings on stands (p. 92-93) - interesting idea. They are not easels, but sort of like tall lamps that hold a painting at eye level at a place where there is no wall, like a corner or in front of a window.

bedroom on p. 100 - my favorite design of his

white-painted floors - I see a lot of this going on lately, but wouldn't it show all the dirt?

p. 106-107 - India as color muse, and a GORGEOUS photo

"Fill a bowl with bright green limes. Why? Because I said so, and because limes go with everything."

Metallics chapter! (metallics can be both a neutral and an accent) - mirrored furniture to reflect surrounding colors

The whole "Jonathan Adler Manifesto" on the final page ("I believe tassels are the earrings of the home"; "I believe you should throw out your BlackBerry and go pick some actual blackberries"; "I believe in irreverent luxury")

Hannah Jane says

I loved the bright colors and texture. The book made me incredibly happy. His combinations are shocking, but work well together - page 87 is a great example. And 138-139 is very cool. My relationship with this book is entirely shallow though, so it only gets 4 stars.

Starcndy1 says

Excellent. I loved how Jonathan infuses every page with as much color as possible, alliteration, and semi-poetry to make sense of it all. Fun to read and look at. A book of art in and of itself. Satisfying to artsy creative people like me:)

Pam says

Jonathan Adler's modernism is a bit over the top, and most of his interiors are too opulent and pristine to create a comfortable home, but I found his advice on adding colors to your home very valuable. I loved how he used color to add vibrancy to an otherwise stark white room outfitted with standard wood, black, and metallic furniture. As he demonstrated with the photographs, a little bold color can make a dull room sing. By organizing the book by color and offering suggestions on secondary colors, he really helps you identify what you like and how colors affect your mood.

Joanne G. says

Adler's fun, quirky book gave me flashbacks to the '60s and '70s, with his choice of font styles and page layouts. It certainly lives up to its name as the interior designs are vibrant with color. This is unlikely the book in which most homeowners would find meaningful design advice, but it's an entertaining read and the photos are luscious. And, now, I'll start calling tan neutrals "chambeige."

Jen says

Book is filled with beautifully decorated rooms in many colors, but doesn't really give any ideas, it's kind of like listening to some one ramble through his thoughts on color. Not really worth wasting your time. Would have preferred more "ideas" to try, instead of just looking at photos.

Jennie says

Colour, bold, accessories not for the wallflowers.

Got a few ideas for my spare room.

Somewhat disorganized and lost with themes.

Laureen says

this is what my house would look like if i had a million bucks!

Jennifer says

I picked this, and the companion Happy Accessories book, up at the library, because I love color and happiness. Of the two, I preferred the Accessories book. They are very similar, even using many of the same photographs, which is not surprising as many of them are of Adler's own homes. Happy Colors presents palettes of color that Adler likes, which were, as promised, all bright and happy. I think it might be more useful to someone who has been hesitant about color, rather than someone like me who embraces it.

Trish says

This is a neat book about color. Jonathan offers a fresh way of doing things!

Mortalform says

Like the size and pictures. Quite brief, kind of like interior design by Dick and Jane (see color, pretty color, see color in room). Worth glancing through which is mostly what I did. Good advice: if you are color shy pick one (say blue) and stick with it using different shades. More good advice: have fun while doing so. It's about making space to enjoy your life in, no high concentration rocket science necessary.

WillowBe says

It's hard to read design books when you have no funds to redecorate, and you really need to deep clean your house first. I need to buy this book so I can always refer to it.

Kate Davis says

the chapter on chambeige for the win

Sylvia Swann says

Adler is an absolute joy. He has tremendous insight into design. He is inspired by some of the best style icons, Pucci, Pulitzer, Ponti, but doesn't take himself too seriously. This beautiful little book surprised me. Adler is so smart and generously shared some of the best design advice I've ever heard. Bravo Jonathan and keep writing!

Melissa says

Thank goodness for the library. I would have been rather unhappy to purchase this book for the little it offers. Basically, it entails brightly-colored pages and funky "inspirations" that are really just gaudy ways to assault your vision for \$17.95. My advice: try *Young House Love: 243 Ways to Paint, Craft, Update & Show Your Home Some Love*. That book actually includes many ideas for decorating, painting, arranging furniture and tons more grouped by category with icons that indicates it's cost, time factor, and ease. That was a book I was happy to pay \$14.99 and still use all the time for inspiration or doing some of the actual projects included.
