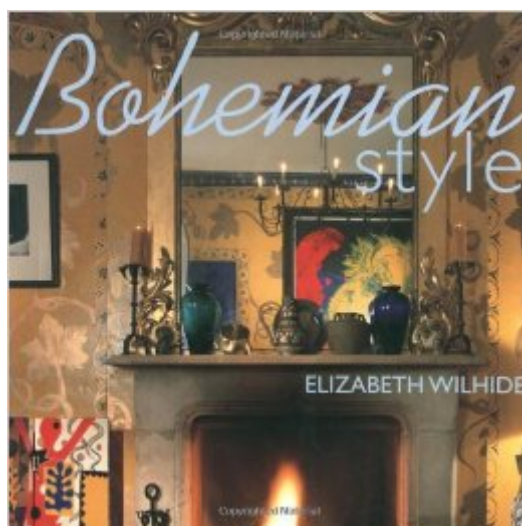


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# Bohemian Style



## Synopsis

What is Bohemian style? Bohemian Style is economy-minded but never dull. It's lively, idiosyncratic, exuberant, attention-getting, and above all, intensely decorative. Bohemians know how to create style on a shoestring, improvise furnishings from cast-offs, and conjure up magic from the mundane. Bohemian Style is packed with resplendent examples detailing the origins of this innovative style and its influence on design today. This inspirational guide covers the entire history of Bohemian style, from the cooperative endeavors of William Morris and his circle to Augustus John and members of the Bloomsbury Group to the major influences of Picasso, Modigliani, and the Beats. Bohemian Style provides fantastic alternative paint techniques; one-of-a-kind approaches for walls and flooring; tips for utilizing found objects in design; examples of ways to use soft furnishings; and even advice for taking Bohemian style outdoors. Dozens of inspirational color photographs combined with clear, understandable text makes this a never-ending source of ideas for free spirits to tap into, experiment with, and create an exceptional look all their own. Dozens of innovative, striking ways to create imaginative alternative living spaces

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## Customer Reviews

Just received this book...am ever glad I ordered it. Review online does not do it justice...or, it was just what I needed right now to inspire me to go nuts decorating. The photos are colorful beyond description, lots to study in each one; makes one feel brave as far as putting things one already has together & looking for a few more great affordable "finds" to pull it all together. I am going to devour

this book and then go nuts in my home. Not for the taupe & Bassett furniture crowd but if you want to decorate with imagination this book is a great kick in the behind to help you get your place fixed up the way YOU'VE always imagined it & not apologize for it either. I'm off to read & start my projects....

My husband and I are both artists of sorts, and like a profusion of handmade and vintage things in our home. Being a newly married lady having to set up housekeeping for the first time, I have read whatever books I could find on decorating. I found most advocated the kind of stiff, minimalist, store-bought look my husband and I so strongly wanted to avoid. This book has been a great help to me. It has practical instructions for making things yourself, giving different alternatives for unconventional wall treatments and floor coverings, and other methods you can use you can make your space your own. It provides interesting historical background on everything from the embroideries William Morris had in his house to the historical use of floor cloths. It has some very lovely pictures of how artists have chosen to decorate their homes. The book does not advocate chic modern minimalism, nor does it advocate a fluffy country style of decorating. So far, it has been one of the most useful books on the subject of decorating I have found. It is one of the few that give practical instructions on how to make things to suit your tastes, rather than simply advice on where to buy them.

I found this book to be very informative on the famous Bohemians, like the artists William Morris and Augustus John, and some interesting tidbits on the other artists and writers that rebelled against the social and political norms of their time. The photographs are nice and very colorful. This is not a book for the person looking for a how to "Martha Stewart" take on bohemianism. A quote from the book says it all. "This book provides an introduction to what is less a decorating trend and more away of life. By definition, bohemians are true originals, mavericks, even rebels, and the interiors that display their passion and creative impulses resist rigid categorization."

When decorating my new spacious home in upstate NY, I was interested to move away from the classic traditional style that I had used in previous residences. I picked up this book and was inspired. You too will be surprised by how simple, versatile, and beautiful the Bohemian style can be, according to the author's guidelines.

This book is very colorful and delightful. It's a great book to encourage alternative life styles and

decorating. Makes you realize and appreciate that there are other ways to live not just the typical Ozzie and Harriet style that we are all used to. This is the real world and we need to accept all ways of viewing decorating and life decisions.

Elizabeth Wilhide's *Bohemian Style* explores major influences in the Bohemian style's development, with black and white and many color photos showing how these different styles can be incorporated into the modern home. From textured walls and painted embellishments to draping, this is packed with examples.

I've been looking forward to getting this book for a long time and it did not disappoint. Great photos and for me lots of color inspiration. I bought this book used as new is rather expensive and I was pleased with the condition.

Move from mass consumerism and furnish your home with interesting and found objects. Make your place different. Laugh at the "keep up with the Joneses" set and make your point.

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