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Parisian By Design: Interiors by David Jimenez

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So many of us fanaticize about having a chic getaway in Paris. It might be an artist's loft, an apartment overlooking the Palais Royale or a small pied a terre on the Ile Saint-Louis. In this book, *Parisian By Design*, interior designer David Jimenez, shows how he fulfilled his wish for living in Paris and while doing so he invites his readers in to view his different Parisian domiciles and also shares secrets on how to decorate like a Parisian.



Jimenez has worked and lived in Paris for years where he's created livable interiors that are French-influenced without being a cliché. Each interior is extremely personal while at the same time attainable. His design reach featured in this book has also extended to an abode in historic Hyde Park district of Kansas City, a Paris style on Nob Hill in San Francisco and his French country retreat. As he says,

Paris is easy to love. It's endlessly fascinating, eccentric, mysterious, hidden and inviting. There is a sheer joy that comes from being surrounded by exquisite beauty every day. The city is a constant stream of color, images, and new ideas that infuse my work."

And, in this book, Jimenez not only shows us the rooms that he's decorated so splendidly, but he is also willing to share his knowledge of how to achieve that elusive French look. There are chapters of chic paint colors, finding treasures in flea markets, and creating flower arrangements among others.

As author Diane Dorrans Saeks writes, "Elegance and classicism, timeless beauty and the joy of experimentation are evident in each residence and in every room." ❧



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