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The Decorative Carpet: Fine Handmade Rugs In Contemporary Interiors



Synopsis

Handmade rugs are perpetual objects of desire, sought after for their expressive designs and intricate combinations of pattern and color. Whether hand-knotted or handwoven, their tactile quality completes any well-furnished interior. A rug often occupies fully a third of a room and, if antique, is also often its most expensive single item, yet there has never been a book presenting decorative carpets as an integral component of interior design until now. — Decorative carpet expert Alix G. Perrachon has, for the first time, compiled a book to guide all interested in placing handmade carpets in contemporary spaces—from individual homeowners to interior designers and their clients. Inside, thirty-two of America's most celebrated designers—including Penny Drue Baird, Samuel Botero, Clodagh, Jamie Drake, David Easton, Thomas Jayne, Juan Montoya, Suzanne Tucker, Bunny Williams, and Vicente Wolf—discuss in animated terms how, and which pieces, they choose from the infinite array of handmade decorative carpets available in the market today. Their selections are illustrated with luxurious images drawn from their own work, revealing rugs ranging from Agras, Aubussons, and Axminsters to modern Tibetan and transitional designs in every style of interior from traditional to contemporary. — In addition to engaging, accessible text and 300 full-color illustrations, *The Decorative Carpet* provides purchasing and care essentials, presents the twenty most popular types of rugs used by designers today—along with a brief description of the defining characteristics and history of each—and includes a glossary and suggestions for further reading, providing all the tools necessary for all those eager to explore the intriguing, expansive world of handmade decorative carpets to begin.

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This is a "one stop" book. Not only do you learn a lot about different types of rugs but also get to enjoy their uses in professionally decorated homes. It is an easy book to read, go back to for reference and get ideas from. Beautiful as well as informative. I highly recommend this book which is more than a "coffee table" book. Congratulation to Alix Perrachon.

Wow! An all-star cast of the nation's top designers showcasing their expertise in this wonderful book. It offers an abundance of design ideas on every page as well as plenty of knowledge shared by the designers on the rug selection process. It's not often enough that you can view rugs in a room setting and this book solves that problem. It's as close as you can get to having all of the best designers on your staff at one time!

Profusely illustrated with full color photography, "The Decorative Carpet: Fine Handmade Rugs in Contemporary Interiors" by Decorative carpet expert Alix G. Perrachon is a pleasure to simply browse through for inspirations and examples of what can be done."

THE DECORATIVE CARPET, by Alix Perrachon, is a classic that will endure time. Educational, visually rich and impeccably written, anyone interested in interior design owes it to themselves to buy this book.

A very handsome book, The Decorative Carpet is a well researched source for those who seek out ideas to accentuate or elevate their home with the help of a wonderful rug or carpet. Seldom can we find a book that is not just about history of rugs or how handmade rugs are made, but instead focuses on the utility of its aesthetics. With the aid of many well established designers, Alix Perrochon invites you to many homes in which Oriental and Contemporary rugs are used as a catalyst, bringing together all the elements that can transform a room. Those of us that have some knowledge of Oriental rugs will not be disappointed. Alix is considered a rug industry insider having written for a number of highly regarded publications. Place this book on your coffee table, give it to a friend as a gift or brows through it by the fire place. More than anything though, see how carpets, antique or modern, can help you decorate your home.

This beautifully photographed book offers the reader a deeper appreciation for a well-made rug as each featured designer describes their approach when selecting rugs in their design process. If you're looking for inspiration for selecting rugs, this book provides a fresh perspective and lists great tips on purchasing and care.

Alix's book takes the wisdom of interior designers to clearly demonstrate all that an oriental rug brings to a room. For example, Bruce Bierman's belief that the warmth of a handmade rug offers a much needed respite from the uniformity of cold technological surroundings or Alix's comments about being green "Equally important, with allergies at an all-time high, we cannot discount that they are the most hypoallergenic floor coverings, and far less responsible for "out-gassing" than their machine-made counterparts." The book inspires you, encourages you, gives you practical wisdom and "courage" to utilize an oriental rug in your own home and thoroughly enjoy and appreciate all the oriental carpet does. I love this book. I have one and bought one for my daughter who is studying Interior Designer. I had the privilege of meeting Alix and am so glad that someone of her caliber and knowledge is representing and speaking on the behalf of the oriental rug industry. Well done, Alix! (Peggy Kebabian of Kebabian's Oriental Rugs)

Alix G. Perrachon has compiled a beautifully elegant view into the world of oriental rugs. The images from all different designers are gorgeous. Their presentation is thoughtful and imaginative and give wonderful ideas for your own collection and home. I love to give this guidebook to special clients and friends especially as Alix is a colleague and I have seen her knowledgeable work in the marketplace. Paige Albright, Paige Albright Orientals, Birmingham, AL

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