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## Books Review

There comes a time for most young urban dwellers when they tire of futons on the floor and brick-and-board bookshelves. That's when they discover that decorating an apartment comes with a unique set of problems. Most people don't want to spend a lot of money renovating a place they may live in for just a year or two, and landlords can be picky about renovations such as enlarging rooms by knocking down walls. *The New Apartment Book* illustrates how to create a stylish home in limited space on a middle-class budget, whether your preferred look is upscale-funky or clean and spare. Though many of the examples feature light, roomy, well-proportioned apartments, many are also designed around elements that one might consider a problem: a tiny kitchen, a bathroom with no storage, an odd brick wall, or a single living/sleeping area. Treat these as interesting design features and use the space creatively, as this book does, and bingo! No more problem. The "smart tips" scattered throughout are easy and fast. Although there are a few rather dull step-by-step projects for lampshades and the like at the end of the book, *The New Apartment Book* really shines as an inspiring guide to the possibilities of an average apartment or condominium.

## From Publishers Weekly

Space-saving and self-expression drive *The New Apartment Book: Inspiring Ideas and Practical Projects for Decorating Your Home* by Michele Michael, former home editor for *Family Circle* magazine, with Wendy Israel. Chapters examine the process by room (including studio living) and include a few unnecessary suggestions for do-it-yourself projects, such as painting lampshades. More than 250 color photos and some valuable tips, such as buying the best sofa that one can

afford, make this a handsome guide especially good for those setting up their first nest.  
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*The New Apartment Book: Inspiring Ideas and Practical Projects for Decorating Your Home* rated 5.0/5.0 based on 1 ratings 1 reviews

2000-01-21T12:52:25+00:00 **Jennifer Gregory** rated 5.0/5.0:

I bought this book 2 years ago when I was decorating my first apartment and have referred back to it a number of times, especially now that I'm buying my first house. Most decorating books are either books that are simply pretty pictures with no information, simply text that provides information with no pictures, or just contains decorating projects. This book manages to successfully combine all three. The ideas and looks are both stylish and very practical. The main thing that I like about this book i

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