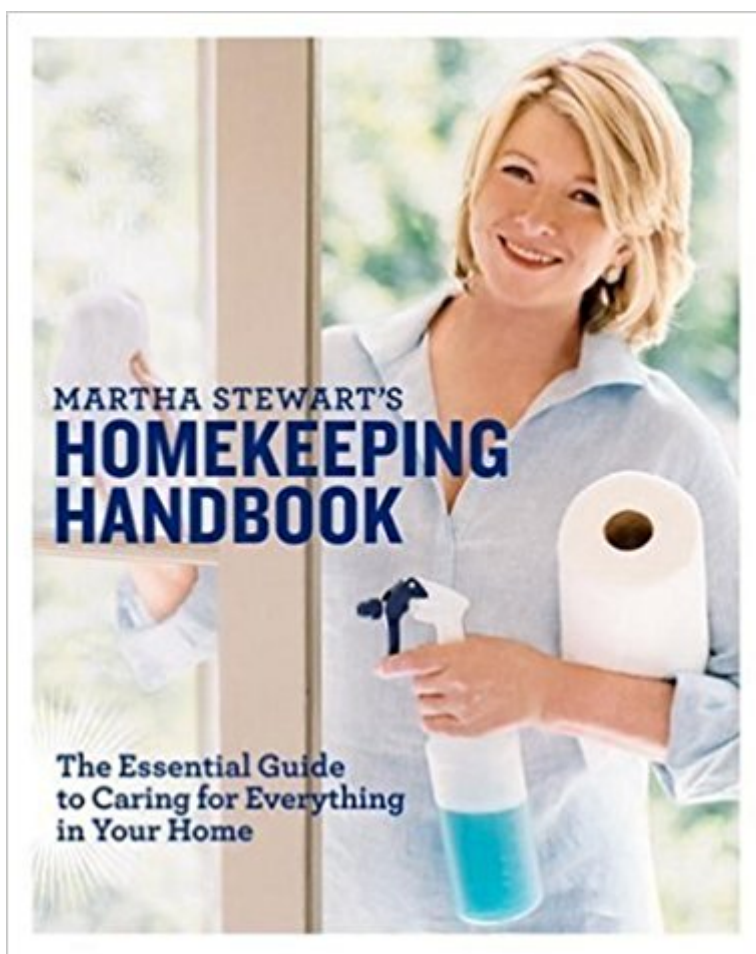


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Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook: The Essential Guide To Caring For Everything In Your Home



Synopsis

Whether your home is small or large, an apartment in the city or a country cottage, it is a space that should be at once beautiful and livable. The key to that is managing the upkeep without feeling flustered. Until now, there has never been a comprehensive resource that not only tells how to care for your home and everything in it, but that also simplifies the process by explaining just when. With secrets from Martha Stewart for accomplishing the most challenging homekeeping tasks with ease, this detailed and comprehensive book is the only one you will need to help you keep your home looking its best, floor to ceiling, room by room. In *Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook*, Martha shares her unparalleled expertise in home maintenance and care. Readable and practical—and graced with charts, sidebars, illustrated techniques, and personal anecdotes from Martha's decades of experience caring for her homes—this is far more than just a compendium of ways to keep your house clean. It covers everything from properly executing a living room floor plan to setting a formal table; from choosing HEPA filters to sealing soapstone countertops; from organizing your home office to polishing your silver and caring for family heirlooms. *Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook* is organized for clarity and maximum practicality: Room by Room covers the upkeep of the appliances, tools, furnishings, and surfaces found in each room, from the entryway to the kitchen, from the attic to the laundry room. Throughout the House instructs the reader on the proper ways to routinely clean and periodically maintain everything in the home, including dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, polishing, scrubbing, waxing and much more. Comfort and Safety focuses on techniques to ensure your home is running properly and safely, such as recognizing when to clean vents, fixing a leaky faucet, and eradicating pests. A-to-Z Materials Guide provides an invaluable resource that explains the unusual materials that many favorite objects are made of—from abalone to zinc—and how to care for them so they last. Encyclopedic yet friendly, *Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook* is a seminal work—a must-have for everyone who wants a well-cared-for home that will endure for generations.

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Customer Reviews

Martha Stewart's new home reference book is a must-have for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it's gorgeous. Printed on thick, glossy pages covered with subtle sepia photos and that perfect Martha-blue as an accent color, Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook is a pretty and practical package for everyone: "all mothers and daughters, fathers and sons who have a room, an apartment, or a home to care for." Stewart's exhaustive handbook features a handy "how to use this book" introduction; a room by room guide with weekly, monthly, and seasonal checklists; tips for cleaning, creating a comfortable and safe home, and moving; and a guide for identifying and caring for materials in your home. Curious? Take a look at some excerpts below. You'll be sweeping and shelving your way to a happier home in no time. --Daphne Durham

How to Use This Book: An Excerpt

When the first issue of Martha Stewart Living was published in 1990, I could not have begun to anticipate how wide-ranging our readers' homekeeping concerns would be. Since then, we have discovered new solutions to age-old problems, brought in experts to advise us on very specific questions about very specific concerns, and experimented with all the new (and not so new) home-care products. Over the years, I've brought these lessons home with me, too, which has made me more organized and made my homes better cared for and maintained. Households are busy places, works in progress where there is always something needing immediate attention and always something more that can be done. With that in mind, I have organized this book to address the tasks at hand and also to address the "more that can be done" for when you have the time and the inclination go beyond the essentials. It starts with the big picture--an examination of every room and everything you will find within each. The eleven chapters in the "Room by Room" section take you on a tour through the house, focusing on the surfaces and furnishings you might find in any room, and offering strategies for their care and maintenance. Starting with the kitchen, the central staging area in any home, these chapters open with practical space-planning advice, followed by the golden rules of organizing. This information is intended to help contain your belongings and make each room clutter-free and functional. Relevant homekeeping concerns particular to each

room are explored in depth--so stain-removal basics appear in "Laundry Room," the best way to clean grout in "Bathroom," and easy sewing repairs in "Utility Spaces." The equipment essential to each room is also addressed, so if you are considering what kind of bathtub to install during a bathroom renovation or whether a gas or electric range would best suit your style of cooking, you will have the information necessary to make such an investment with confidence. Organize Your Kitchen: Martha's Golden Rules

Martha Stewart is the author of many books on cooking, decorating, gardening, weddings, and other domestic arts, and is the founder of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. She lives in Bedford, New York.

Every woman should have this book. It is 2" thick and filled with valuable time-saving, time-managing information on how to keep every little thing in your house working, clean, efficient, useable. Martha will make you her apprentice as she goes room by room teaching her cleaning techniques and recommended products for every surface in the house: how to maintain air quality, lighting, water systems, heating and cooling, electricity, home security, emergency preparedness, fire safety and prevention, living with pets, pest control, moving, organizing, storing, dusting, wiping, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, scrubbing, waxing and polishing, floors and floor coverings, ceilings, walls, and woodwork, windows and window treatments, kitchen, dining room, living room, home office, library, entryways, stairs, hallways, bedrooms, bathrooms, closets, laundry room, utility spaces, outdoor spaces. A treasure for any bride or seasoned housekeeper, anyone who would like to keep a nice, clean, well maintained home in the minimum amount of time, using the right product for the job, and the least amount of energy.

Everything, I mean EVERYTHING you need to know about homekeeping is in this book. How to care for upholstery? CHECK. How many different types of spoons (18) and their uses? CHECK. How to choose a crib? CHECK. How to dry laundry? CHECK. How to care for books? CHECK. Chemical Pollutants? CHECK!!! And more and more information in this thick, heavy and wonderful book. This book can be an excellent gift for newlyweds or young people living by themselves for the first time.

Ahh, Martha. I have no idea why people seem to love to hate her. I find her books and TV shows and magazines to be a real joy and I learn tons from them. I guess when you are a super successful

woman, you end up with a target on your back. I ordered this book in frustration one day. I'm single and my house is 75 years old and you'd think that both living and working at home (I'm a writer), my house wouldn't be that tough to keep neat and organized and functional. Hah. Think again. I struggle with almost epic levels of clutter most of the time and stupid things like not being able to find the right kitchen tools when I want them becomes a daily frustration. Plus, there are all of these silly things that just drive me nuts--like keeping a hardwood floor clean (and getting rid of scratches) or just how to store cleaning supplies so you can actually *find* them (what a concept). This book is huge, around 750 pages, I think, and it's very well organized. Each section is devoted to a particular room and then delves into that room's contents, everything from furniture to accessories to windows, etc. I won't say that this book is as informal or as cozy as some of Martha's books are, there is a kind of cold tone to some of the writing, but let's face it, when you are putting together 750 pages of information and ideas, there's not a lot of room for chit chat. But there is a ton and a half (almost literally, lol) of info. This is a great book gift idea for a child in their first apartment or as a house-warming gift (give it to them in a bucket with cleaning supplies--they'll bless your name forever). I keep my copy on the hearth, next to where I watch TV and when commercials come on or TV starts to bore me, I just flip through the book. By the way, for many years I dated a woman that lived on the same street as Martha in Westport and I never heard a single neighbor say an unkind thing about her--and that house (now sold) always looked just as perfect in photos as it did on TV, etc. A lot of people don't realize this woman rose to wealth and fame from very average suburban NJ circumstances and she built this empire on her own. I think she's a wonderful role model for men and women. And this book is a gem.

I really love this book. I have owned it for several years and I just bought another copy for my sister when she purchased her first house. It contains excellent information on cleaning and organizing as well as unexpected topics such as how to design a kitchen from the ground up. I love that the cleaning suggestions all use basic cleaning supplies and the book focused on avoiding toxins and unnecessary chemicals long before it became mainstream to do so. It's certainly not a quick read, but I use it more as an encyclopedia for looking things up without having to spend 45 minutes wading through questionable advice in online forums and getting distracted by Facebook :)

I was the youngest growing up, and my family never really insisted on chores. Now that I own a home, it's nice to be able to take care of it and have all the cleaning recipes and tips in one easy spot.

Practical and very detailed. I am amazed at all of the things that are covered in this book. Great reference for people that are just moving out or like me have lived a long time on their own. Lots of helpful advice.

I love this book! It is a great reference on everything from how to organize closets to removing burned on stains on pans, to the proper table cloth size for your dining room table. I have yet to have a household problem that was not addressed in this book.

Never polished a table? Never successfully got a stain out of a shirt? This book will tell you how. It contains literally *everything* you need to know to appropriate clean, store or perform upkeep on any object in your house. The most valuable part of this book is the section on laundry. Using the tips and charts in this book, I've gotten blueberry stains out of a white handknitted wool garment (wool cannot be scrubbed in any way or it will be ruined). If I knew anyone who was just buying a home or getting started on their own, this would be one of my "must give" gifts.

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