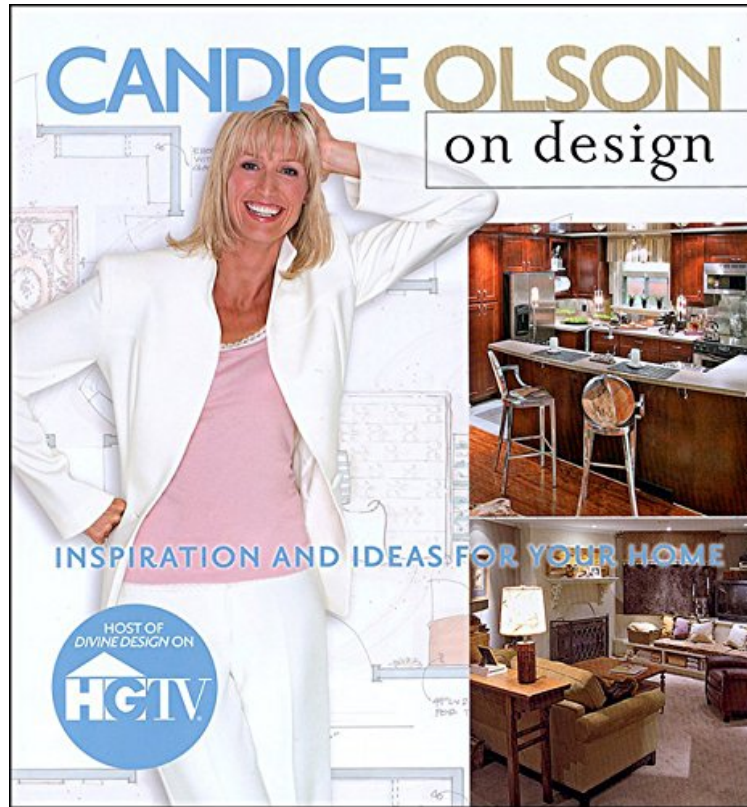


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60 of 60 people found the following review helpful. How DivineBy Sunny SkiesI am a big Candice Olson fan and she is my Mom's favorite TV designer/decorator. This book DOES feature projects from her TV show, but this was a plus for me. I have TIVO'd and recorded on DVD my favorite shows, but this is a great companion to the show. The advantage of the book it that you can focus in on a detail you might not have noticed on the show. There were actually two redesign projects in the book I have not seen on TV, so that was nice bonus. What I really like about this book is that the before and after pictures were of the same perspective AND the photography/lighting of the rooms was top notch. Even the smaller photos of the before rooms are clear.Even if you've never seen Candice Olson's TV show (Divine Design) you will find this book chock full of great photos, descriptions and her complete layout of each room. If you have never seen her work, when you see the before pictures, then the after pictures your mouth will drop open. It's amazing what she can do. What I like about Candice as a designer is that her designs are totally focused on creating a beautiful design but also incorporating a family's lifestyle into the design. She does not just create "show rooms" she makes the rooms functional for the family. My only quibble, which is the same quibble I have about the

TV show is that there are no costs listed. You have NO idea how much these rooms costs! Saying that, I would gladly save my money to have her come and decorate a few rooms in my house! It's too bad for me she lives in Canada and not the U. S. What are my thoughts on this book... "How Divine." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. mystery of great design still remains By Jae Hee I don't regret I bought it, but I don't think I would know Candice Olson had a real talent for designing if I only read the book and did not see the show. She says in the book that her abilities are the result of hard work- if that's all it is, then she is not sharing her secrets here. I'm guessing rather she doesn't really know why something she does is aesthetically pleasing - she just knows that it is. Instead, we get tired old tips like hanging curtains from higher than the true windows to make the space long longer - but that sure does not tell me why her "After" pictures are so pleasing. Anyway, I like her and her accomplishments so happy to put her kids through college by purchasing her books even if they don't tell me what I was hoping to learn. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good but not as instructive as I expected By Odette Santana The more I watch what Candace Olson does in her TV show, the more impressed I am with her creativity and style. This book is good, in that you get focused views and explanations of different rooms. But for me, the "how does she do it" was missing. It seems like the book is good at analyzing the finished product, but not explaining how to get there.

Candices fresh, honest approach to design shows readers how to create rooms that are beautiful and functional, perfectly geared to what they love and how they live. With her trademark humor and sense of fun, Candice shares design secrets and dozens of practical tips to help readers plan and execute successful room makeovers. Room tours illustrate Candices approach to design, and quick-read sidebars highlight favorite features and ideas readers can use in their homes. Includes decorating ideas, tips, and advice to update and reinvent living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, basements, and more!

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