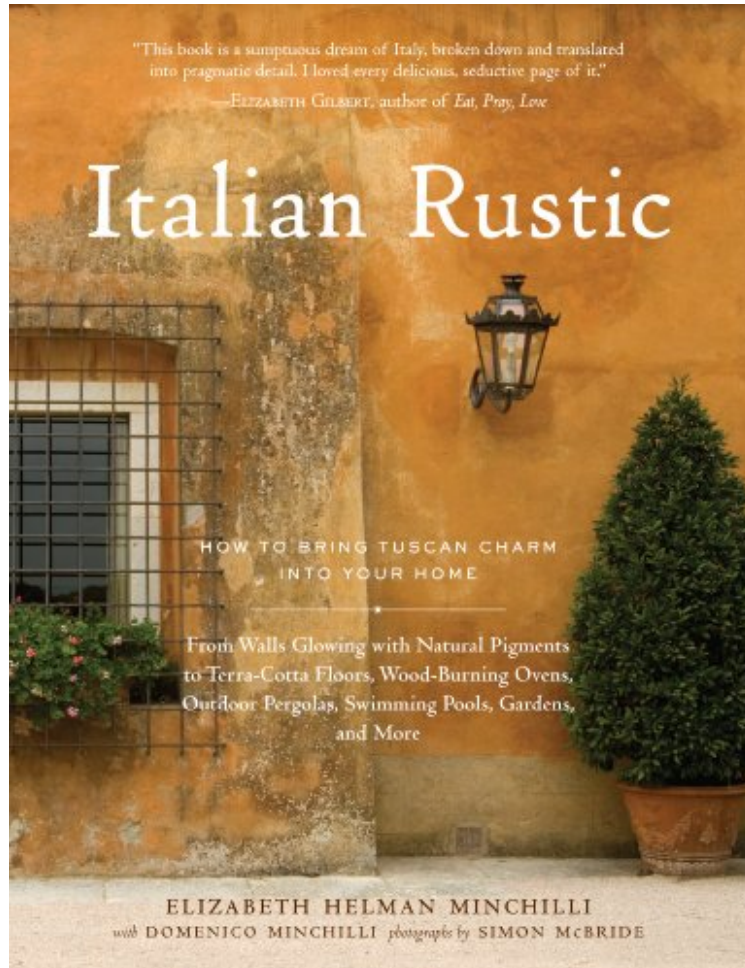


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**Elizabeth Helman Minchilli : Italian Rustic: How to Bring Tuscan Charm into Your Home** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Italian Rustic: How to Bring Tuscan Charm into Your Home:

22 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Anatomy Tuscani 101 By Duke of KCA great book and chalk one up for the war against perfect decor. The author has step forward and created a beautiful book with some serious analysis of what we consider are Tuscany/Italian elements in homes/houses. The photographs and paper are very nice too. This book sets a high standard which other authors would be wise to follow, not only does the book inspire but there are actually technical notes on how-to create everything you would find in a Tuscan/Umbria home and garden. The author even provides resources for hard to find items in America (you aren't going to find brick or terra cotta roofing material at Home Depot or Walmart). I would recommend this book over many of the other current books covering Tuscany architecture. Also a welcome addition to those who already have a Tuscan theme library. Many of

these elements are also present in other southern European countries and Latin America, you can't get more rustic than the current state of homes and buildings of Cuba, just check out some of the current books on Habana/Havana or Cuba and you will find this rustic style in your own "backyard". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This will be a great reference piece for future dream house. By crystal lynn purser I figured I would be looking at the pictures more than anything, but the writing just drew me in. This will be a great reference piece for future dream house. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Gorgeously practical. By Barbara J. Winter Of all the decorating books in my library, this one may become my favorite. It's not just because I'm crazy for Tuscany, however. Minchilli has given us more than a peek inside some charming farmhouses; she's shown us how to adopt, adapt and incorporate our favorite ideas into our own homes no matter where they may be.

A celebration of Tuscan farmhouse style, with practical advice on how to bring the look home. For anyone who has ever dreamed of living under the Tuscan sun, *Italian Rustic* is the next best thing: a step-by-step guide to recreating the romance and appeal of the weathered Italian farmhouse. This nuts-and-bolts guide to building Italian-style walks the reader through all the elements that make the rustic Italian home so unique, from the hand-laid stone walls to the artisanal stucco wall finishes. Author Elizabeth Minchilli, an American design writer based in Rome and Tuscany, received dozens of questions from readers after publishing her last book, *Artisan's Restoring a Home in Italy*. The queries went beyond the usual searches for fabric and couches. "People were hungry to know how terra-cotta tiles were laid, or how fireplaces were built," she says. *Italian Rustic*, researched with the help of her Italian architect husband, is the user-friendly result: a book that explains, in clear text accompanied by photographs and drawings, how to lay a tile floor *à la Italiana*, or add a Tuscan-style pergola to any garden. With more than 300 stunning photographs shot on location in Tuscany and Umbria, the book contains profiles of local artisans, engaging text on how the farmhouse style evolved, and targeted advice on how Americans can find Italian-style building materials and craftsmen close to home. This essential sourcebook will appeal to anyone building an addition or an entire house from scratch, or for homeowners who want to add just a touch of Italian style to their houses.

"Building La Bella Vita" For anyone who dreams of living in a Tuscan farmhouse, Elizabeth Helman Minchilli's new book, *Italian Rustic (Artisan)*, holds transformative power. Within its 226 pages lie the secrets of traditional Italian craftsmanship, which can be applied to your own house regardless of where you live. Want to redo your kitchen with a wood-beamed ceiling? There's an entire chapter devoted to the subject. Considering a bathroom with richly textured frescoed walls? There's a resource guide that will help you find the best builder and architect. Or maybe you just want to add an evocative stone wall to the garden. The know-how for that job is here too. It's a comforting realization that all the techniques have been tested and tried by the author herself: together with her Italian-born architect husband, she restored her own country villa in the Umbrian town of Todi. Think of this volume as a practical, beautiful blueprint for creating a home filled with all the right details--terra-cotta tiles, stucco walls, garden pergolas--all *italiana*. M. P. --Town Country Magazine, November 2009. REVIEW BY JUDITH NASATIR Elizabeth Minchilli understands rustic Italian design from the ground up. The American-born writer and her architect husband, Domenico, who live in Rome, translate their knowledge into what is, thanks to evocative photos by Simon McBride, a beautiful practicum for building or renovating a home in the Tuscan country style. Minchilli discusses the venerable two-story Italian farmhouse, with animals and tool storage at ground level, and hearth and living quarters upstairs. She illuminates artisan techniques used in building, from fieldstone walls and timbered ceilings to terra-cotta tile roofs and terrazzo floors. She waxes practical and poetic about pergolas, wood-burning ovens, and plastering and finishing techniques. For detailed information and insight into what makes those Tuscan houses so appealing, this book is a wonderful resource. --Veranda Magazine, Dec. 2009 So much more than a glorious photographic romp through restored farmhouses of the Tuscan countryside, this book delves into traditional Italian building techniques, such as laying a terra-cotta floor. Then it describes smaller changes you can make - such as incorporating terra-cotta planters into your decor - to capture the spirit without committing to a pricey overhaul. "The homes we visit in the hills of Tuscany and Umbria show innovative solutions to the challenges presented when bringing ancient homes into the twenty-first century," Minchilli writes. --Newsday, Dec. 4, 2009 In *Italian Rustic*, Elizabeth Minchilli gives tips for adding Tuscan and Umbrian charm to your house. She gives instructions for redecorating both inside and out as well as suggesting simple ways to add a little bit of Italy to your garden or home decor. With its stunning photographs, this book makes a great gift for anyone who has stayed in a warmly decorated farm house in Tuscany or Umbria or anyone who wants to. Photos were taken at several farm houses where guests can stay so you might want to look through it before you plan your next visit to Tuscany. --About.com: Italy Travel Author and avowed Italophile Elizabeth Helman Minchilli has brought Tuscany and its many ineffable charms into simple clarity and practical use in her most recent work, *Italian Rustic: How to Bring Tuscan Charm Into Your Home*. This, her sixth work on Italy, is sumptuously photographed by Simon McBride and cunningly illustrated throughout with easy-to-decipher how-tos. Most books that seek to laud a style or a region, let alone both, fall prey to overstatement and sweeping generalizations, prose that while lovely on the ear does not give the reader that much needed "take away." *Italian Rustic* is a veritable primer on how to mount your

own Tuscan-charm offensive in your home, whether it is a studio apartment, a California ranch-style home or a country house in the Adirondacks. Literally no home is left behind as Minchilli and her husband, architect Domenico Minchilli, uncover every scintilla of Tuscan-izable charm in the "rural Italian regions of Umbria and Tuscany." Having left the US for Italy following her studies in architectural history, Minchilli has brought Italian home and Italian design into the forefront of our national consciousness and with her we have become Italy-obsessed. Broken down into 13 chapters, including Floors, Windows, Ceilings and Gardens, the Minchillis offer up an entire house of information along with all the resources to re-create the beauty and details of Italian Rustic design. She rightly claims that we have a fascination with living "la bella vita," but at last we can discover that terra-cotta tiles, pergolas and stone walls are easily available outside of west central Italy and far from the Ligurian Sea. We learn that the traditional Italian farmhouse had its entire ground floor devoted to housing animals and, therefore, the windows and exterior staircases and the very stonework that characterize Italian Rustic arose out of that immediacy with the land. The design of these homes has its hallmark stone walls with bricks seemingly thrown in higgledy-piggledy, but really as essential reinforcements and levelers for other floors; mortar and tile are added out of utility but without the pretense of order and strict architectural demands, unlike classical architecture. This is a lifestyle that arose out of need and answers a demand for very practical needs. It just so happens that we fell in love with this half barn/half house and its unplanned beauty. As Minchilli says "Nothing matched, things were added as they were needed, and everything had a use." Minchilli gives all the history, instructions and even the companies that can bring home Italian Rustic. For stone working we can ring up UK-based Dry Stone Walling Association, for handcrafted doors we can go to Porte del Passato and for terra-cotta we can contact Fratelli Berti. The resources are encyclopedic. Minchilli delivers this treasure trove of info with ardor and humor, saying, "A funny thing happened on the way to creating the modern Italian bathroom. At a certain point, Italians went tile crazy." We'd like to go Italian Rustic crazy. ed by Marcia Sherrill --1st Dibs Introspective, April 22, 2010

About the Author Elizabeth Helman Minchilli is the author of *Artisan's Restoring a Home in Italy* (now in its third printing), and the recently published *Italian Rustic*. Her passion for Italy led her from her native United States, where she studied architectural history, to Italy in 1987. She writes on architecture, design, and food for a variety of publications and is the author of four other books on Italian culture.