

Kitchen Centric

Mick De Giulio

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The best kitchen bookBy lynneThis book embodies all the relevant attributes that the finest and most liveable kitchens should possess. The photography is stunning and the descriptions are thorough without overwhelming. Mr. De Giulio's designs are thoughtful and precise with purpose; it sets the bar for what all kitchen designers should aspire to provide for their clients.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Gifted DesignerBy Julia ChildsBest book on kitchen design that you can buy. Beautiful photography of traditional and modern kitchens. Weakness is that he gives very few sources.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Visually impressive kitchen idea Book.By J. Hankins'Micks the Man'. Nice 'ooh ... ahh' book. Inspirational and another to add to the Library.

Kitchen Centric puts a new spin on the typical kitchen design book by offering readers a book that is part art book, part fantasy, and part field guide. Internationally known kitchen designer Mick De Giulio takes readers on a guided tour through eighteen of his favorite kitchen projects in urban lofts, suburban homes, manor houses, mountain retreats, and an early twentieth-century barn. Delicious photographs roll through these kitchens, one after the next, like short films. Words are few, but critical if a bit quirky, like excerpts from De Giulio's own designer's journal. He takes his audience behind the scenes, explaining his challenges, his thinking, his choices, his process, and ultimately, his belief that kitchens are more central to American homes than ever before.

"Every once in a while a home design book comes along that perfectly illustrates an achievable ideal that is based in reality as much as it is in dreams. "Kitchen Centric" (Balcony Press, 2010), by local kitchen design maestro Mick De Giulio and former Chicago Tribune reporter Karen Klages Grace, is just such a book. It explains not only 'how to do it,' but why we want to, in lavish style...page through this gorgeous 5-pound coffee table book and you'll be ready to move right in to one of De Giulio's 18 gorgeous creations." - Chicago Tribune, Ultimate Address, February 2011

"Designing heart-of-the-home kitchens is De Giulio's forte, and here the kitchen guru shares his artful approach to creating functional and magical "kitchens that sing." - Amy Elbert, Traditional Home, October 2010

"Master kitchen designer Mick De Giulio's new book is part manifesto, part career retrospective, 100 percent inspiring." - Jan Parr, Chicago Home Garden, November/December 2010

"As the place where you often entertain your guests, kitchens are important parts of the home. Peer through many inspiring and inventive designs in Kitchen Centric by Mick De Giulio and Karen Klages Grace for ideas that will blow you away." - Melissa Sundardas, Dolce Vita, Fall 2010

From the Author

When I look at the kitchens in this book, I see my clients before anything else. Clients design their own kitchen, whether they know it or not. People feed me clues, and they may be as tangible as a photograph or as vague as a word or feeling. One client told me she wanted her kitchen to be breezy and elegant, like the feeling she had at Villa D'Este on Lake Como in Italy, where men dress up for breakfast. Another client showed me a bowl she bought in Positano, Italy. She loved the colors and the feel of it.

With that data and some measurements, my design process begins, and it can be similarly amorphous. I do not believe in hard-and-fast rules (other than the law of function, because a kitchen has to work), just as I do not believe in following stylistic trends. The best kitchens defy labels and have their own personality and are beautiful no matter what the style.

What I do keep in my mind's eye are certain guiding principles - or tenets - of good design. Over the years, I have established seven of them, seven overriding ideas that I have found to be important to this process of creating something very special. - Mick De Giulio

From the Inside Flap

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