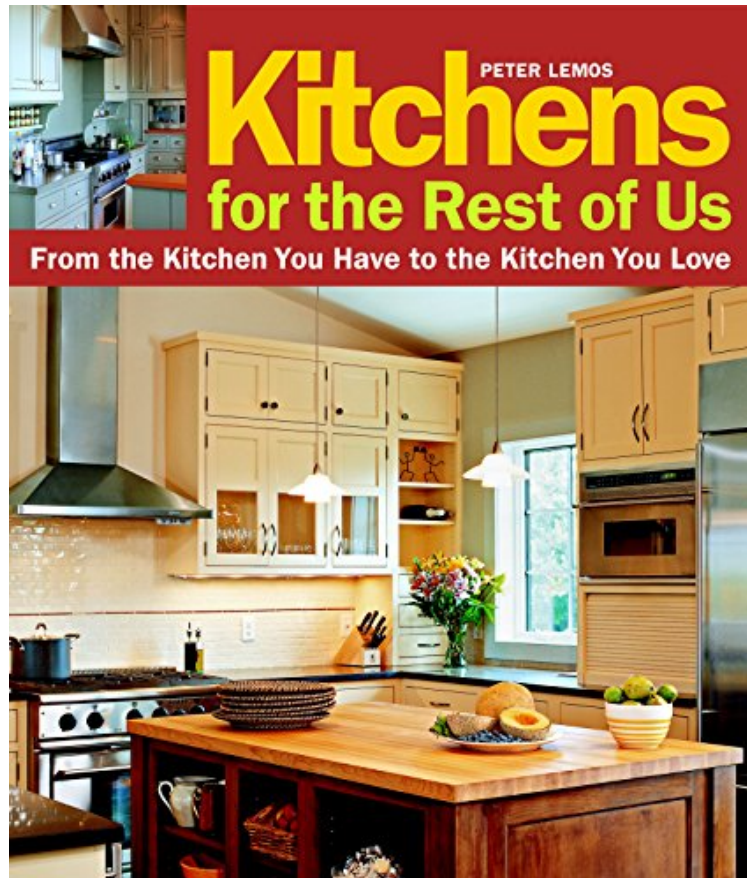


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kitchen function well. There are good design ideas too, beyond layout, and with the multiple photos of each kitchen you can really get a good look at things from several angles. I just checked out 4 kitchen design books from the library, all produced in '08 and '09 (we put our remodel on hold for 4 years and are getting back to it now). I sat down with the books and a pad of post-it notes thinking I'd mark any good ideas, and buy any book that had a lot of ideas I liked. I used 3 post-its total on 4 books. No kidding. The kitchens were nothing like mine and I couldn't even relate them to my space. Vaulted ceilings and really cool and unusual spaces, beautiful to look at but nothing remotely like what I have to work with. Giant commercial grade appliances that would break my bank and leave no room for anything else! You get the idea. The books I checked out were more like fantasy books or just fun looks at what other people (with money) have done. This book was so much more realistic for our size and budget. Really practical ideas too. It's the only book I've bothered to actually buy because it has so much I can use. I'd say take a look inside and if you like the pages you see, you will probably like the book.

Kitchens for the Rest of Us emphasizes kitchens that place function, craft, and intelligent design over grandeur and extravagance. By showing you twenty newly remodeled and hard-working kitchens built within typical-sized spaces, you'll be inspired to pursue your own mix of dreams, hopes, and needs. Along the way, you'll pick up fresh ideas from the inspired minds of the homeowners who have been through the process: the professional cook in Wyoming who holds classes in his kitchen; the emergency-room nurse in California who designed her kitchen to replicate the efficiency of a hospital; and the Texas couple who got rid of the obligatory kitchen island to simply have more space. These kitchens represent a highly informative cross-section of what is happening right now in kitchen design, material choices, style trends, appliance selections, and clever new storage strategies. But more importantly, these stories give you a truer sense of what goes on in real kitchens and a clearer sense of what is truly possible in yours. The author has chosen remodeling projects where all of the choices have grown out of a desire to create smart, good-looking kitchens rather than out of a need to impress and awe the neighbors.