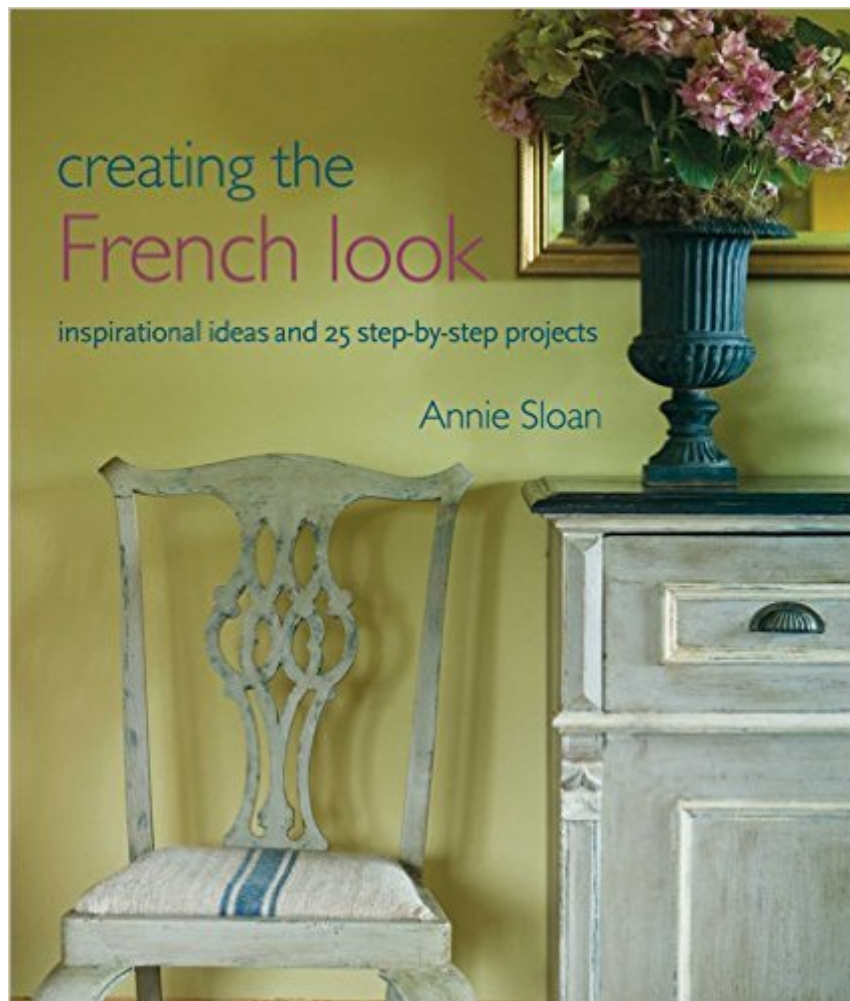


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# Creating The French Look: Inspirational Ideas And 25 Step-By-Step Projects



## Synopsis

Developed over hundreds of years, the French look reflects all tastes, from the cultivated grandeur of the chateau to the simplicity of rural living, and can be adapted to every home. Creating the French Look is divided into four styles: *Chateau*, *Country*, *Provençal* and *Parisian*, and each "look" is applied to living rooms, kitchens, dining rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms plus outdoor living spaces. As well as describing each overall style, focusing on colours and fabrics, Annie Sloan emphasizes the details and accents required by each one, and, aided by 25 clearly explained step-by-step projects, shows how to achieve it. Among other things, she explains how to paint and distress furniture, and describes how to cover an armoire door with embroidered voile. Whatever interior you desire, this book will guide your choices from the grand statement of the painted armoire to the finishing touch of a little posy of lavender.

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I drooled over this book in a bookstore and then came home and ordered it from [Amazon](#) for a better price! This book contains a lot of "how to" sections...faux painting/finishing, simple sewing projects, giving objects a patina, etc, so that you can create the French look...it's not just a pretty picture design book. However, it DOES have wonderful pictures which will certainly inspire any French decorating aficionado --or anyone who just LOVES simple/rustic/shabby interior decorating like I do!

I loved this book. First, the photography was beautiful. And secondly, it was full of the authentic french looks I love; French mannequins, furniture, linens, etc. The first part of the book is organized into 8 different french "looks". The second part features four different areas of the home, living room, kitchen and dining room, bedroom and bathroom and garden rooms to which these various looks are applied. Sprinkled throughout the book are several different projects to be created to achieve the french look. I loved the book, not so much for the projects, (which I'm too lazy to attempt) but for the visual ideas used to pull together a variety of french styles and looks. I could do without the projects, but you can't beat the pictures!

The book was ok....it didn't have much clarity as far as I am concerned. There weren't many pictures....it was a look of reading about nothing....trust me don't waste your money...go to the library and see for yourself before buying it.

This is a good book for adding a French touch to your home and furniture pieces. You do not have to use every idea, especially if you do not sew, although most instructions are rather clear and the full color pictures really help. I do enjoy painting walls and furniture, and this book can make a boring vintage piece or a fake antique look like an expensive home boutique item. You can decide if your french style is chic or rustic or a marriage of the two through most of the ideas presented in this book.

I actually thought the book would go into more detail on the "HOW TO DO" things and give more tips on using the Annie Sloan Paints. It had some examples but for the price of this book, I really didn't feel it was that helpful.

A treasure trove of ideas that make creating French style in the home just a few easy projects away. Whether your taste is rustic and simple, eclectic bohemian, or sophisticated in the grand manner, this book provides a veritable template with detailed easy to follow instructions and plenty of photographs. None of the projects are too demanding or intimidating. Each style has been pared down to its essential--paint color choices, fabrics, accessories and so forth, making it easy for do-it-yourselfers to achieve the classic French decor so popular today. A must-have reference for francophile decorators.

The book is full of some beautiful pictures and definition of style. Has a couple of picture/instructions

on a couple of things. I was looking for more of a how to book on the furniture. Really not helpful on that. Surprisingly a lot of sewing how to in here. If you want a pretty coffee table book, or just to look at ideas and what falls into what category, then great book. If you need more of a how to, I would keep looking.

I bought this book hoping for some guidance in decorating my home with a french country flair. This book is wonderful for those of us who wish to be inspired and directed in the ways of french country. Several pages are dedicated to showing how to make french country lampshades and curtains....very informative.

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