

milestones for seminal shelter magazine *Elle Decor*. Along with celebrating its 25th anniversary in print, it's releasing **Elle Decor: The Height of Style** (Abrams; \$45), a new book celebrating some of the chicest interiors to have graced its design-rich pages. Filled with interiors by top design icons like Steven Gambrel and Kelly Wearstler, the book, which came out on Tuesday, showcases some 220 rooms from across the globe.

*Elle Decor* editor-in-chief Michael Boodro (inset) helps break down this stunner: a Manhattan living room by Gotham decorator Todd Alexander Romano. "The room may be small-ish," Boodro says, "but Romano manages to squeeze 15 pieces of furniture into barely 350 square feet."

Here's how to get the look.



There may be a lot going on, but the furniture layout remains classic and simple. A sofa (Weldon Sofa from Mecox Gardens, [mecox.com](http://mecox.com)) is placed against a wall and accented by a cocktail table in front of it.

The room gets its glamour not just from color, but also from shine — via mirrored surfaces and gleaming floors. It's offset by the softness of a warm, cushy rug (lamb's wool rug from ABC Carpet & Home, [abchome.com](http://abchome.com)).

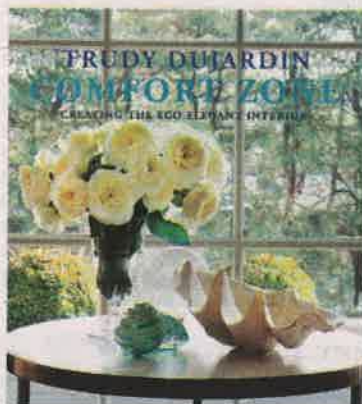
Bold colors and animal patterns may be noticed first, but the room is mostly neutral. Key pieces like the gray sofa and tone-on-tone striped chairs (Azure Chair from Bunny Williams Home, [bunnywilliamshome.com](http://bunnywilliamshome.com)) help achieve the look.

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# READ 'EM AND PEEP

Fall's arrival brings a bevy of new books about design. Here are five to look forward to putting on your coffee table

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Antoine Bootz/Comfort Zone by Trudy Dujardin/Pointed Leaf Press

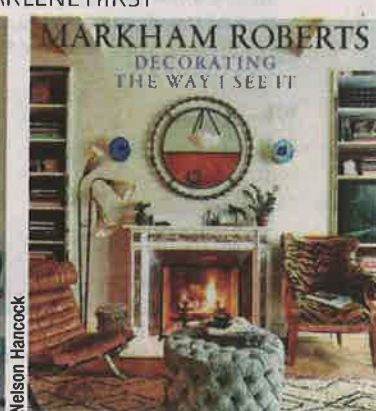
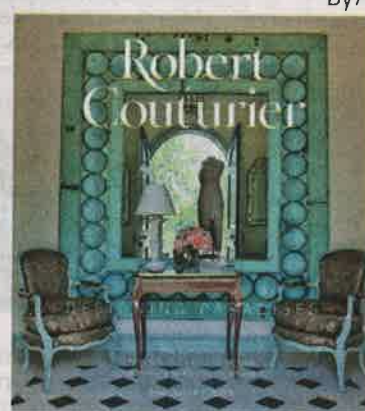
**Comfort Zone: Creating the Eco-Elegant Interior** artfully demonstrates with over 350 photographs that being green doesn't mean you can't be stylish, too. Author Trudy Dujardin, a leader in the sustainable design movement, presents a host of environmentally sensitive interiors that she has created — from chic urban apartments to luxe vacation homes, calling out the energy-efficient, sustainable and green choices that she made along the way. You'll learn how to choose non-toxic paints and finishes and why it's important to judge a sofa for more than its good looks. (Oct. 1, Pointed Leaf Press, \$75)



**In Collected: Living with the Things You Love**, Fritz Karch and Rebecca Robertson, both former editors at Martha Stewart Living and seasoned collectors themselves, provide a look at some of the most idiosyncratic and beautiful troves displayed in homes around the world. Featured objects of desire include everything from dice to café au lait bowls to 19th-century French sewing tools. The authors have organized the book by personality type, giving each its own chapter that not only features beautiful photographs but also collecting lessons and tips for arranging and displaying your treasures. (Oct. 14, Abrams, \$75)



For a look at how designers, architects, fashionistas and other tastemakers live, pick up **In Heart and Home: Rooms That Tell Stories** by Linda O'Keeffe. The book offers a kaleidoscopic array of styles, from Paul Mathieu's serene private mansion in Udaipur, India, to Kelly Wearstler's glamorous LA hideaway to fashion designer Wolfgang Joop's estate outside Berlin — a mix of pop culture and Prussian tradition. The volume showcases 30 homes in all, including the dwellings of architect/designers Calvin Tsao and Zack McKown and London architect Peter Michael Wolfson. (Out now, Rizzoli, \$55)



The title says it all: **Robert Couturier: Designing Paradises** provides an entry to the refined world of this French-born, American-based interiors star. The tome opens with the designer's own home — a country retreat in Kent, Conn., whose rooms are dressed with a carefully curated mix of antique French furniture and Early American pieces. Also featured: one of Couturier's most famous projects — a 20,000-acre Mexican resort that he designed for English entrepreneur James Goldsmith — as well as his polished contemporary designs for Manhattan high-rise apartments. (Sept. 23, Rizzoli, \$60)

Top New York interior designer Markham Roberts' **Decorating: The Way I See It** provides readers with a step-by-step primer of the design process. Everything from how to create a floor plan to demystifying color palettes, fabrics, furniture, lighting and accessories is spelled out. The designer, who spent seven years working for the late Mark Hampton before setting out on his own, presents a broad diversity of projects in the book — 40 in all, with 350 pictures — including Manhattan apartments, a ski lodge in Montana and even his own Hudson Valley farmhouse. (Sept. 30, Vendome Press, \$60)