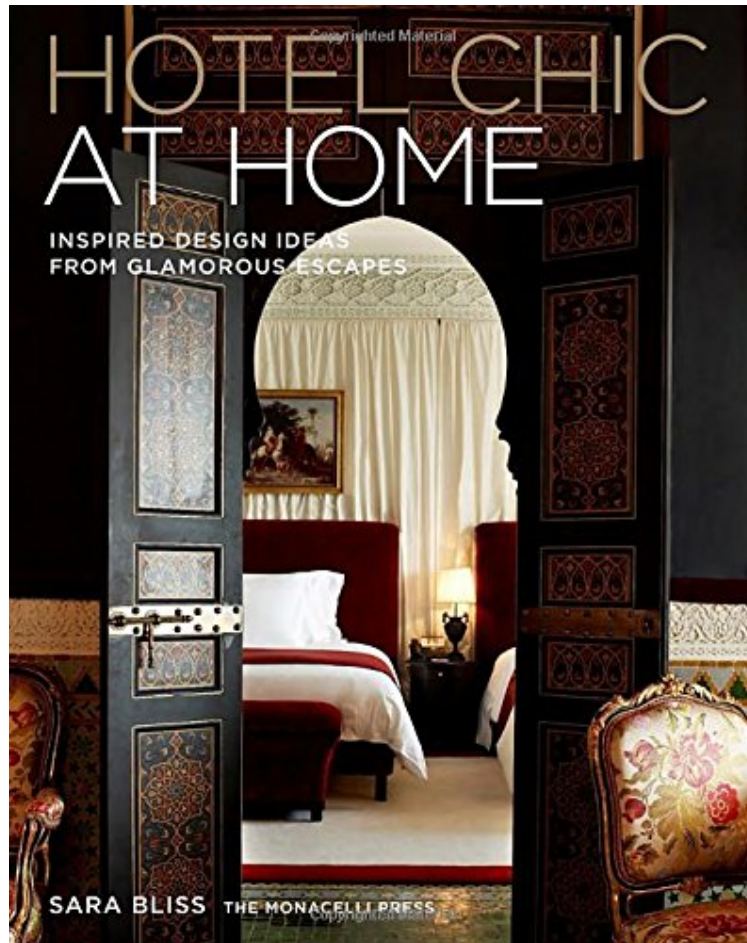


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**Sara Bliss : Hotel Chic at Home: Inspired Design Ideas from Glamorous Escapes** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hotel Chic at Home: Inspired Design Ideas from Glamorous Escapes:

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Nice photos but not much practical ideas for home By Jenny GI found the first few chapters interesting but by the time I got to bathrooms, I found I stopped reading and mostly just looked at the photos. It began to read more like a hotel review as opposed to ideas that could be used at home. I think most of the bathroom ideas are impractical for a home, even though they are pretty. If I was traveling and looking for a top rate hotel, this would provide an excellent guide, but not very many take aways for the home. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Basically a picture book - more like a magazine - might be good for a few ideas By Dan Sherman This is a beautiful book that shows how some very nice hotels are decorated, starting with bedrooms and

baths, but also showing dining areas, library areas, and outdoor areas. The hotels in the book certainly go very well beyond your standard bed/bath/(maybe) kitchenette in most hotels, and represent hotel spaces that include pretty full kitchens and good sized living areas. The book is a good one that clearly what some very well decorated hotels look like (here and abroad), but for me, this book really is more a special edition of Architectural Digest - Beautiful to look at but not really giving too much information on how to design/decorate a living space. Reading this book is fun and might give you some ideas for your decorating. I don't think most of us are going to see it as an ongoing source of ideas to decorate the homes we live in. For me, a better book would be more practical and show how hotels deal with making best use of space they have (and maybe have more text on what common approaches might be) and focus less on what really is a look at very high-end hotel rooms/suites. Three stars. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Peruse 350 images of hotel rooms and settings throughout the world to stimulate your creative flow. By Hyytekk Sara Bliss is a freelance design and travel writer, a native New Yorker, author of 7 books and articles in many of the top contemporary magazines. Her latest book, *Hotel Chic At Home*, is a collection of 350 images taken from hotels across the globe, both well known and boutique. The book is divided into 8 sections, starting with Bedrooms and ending with Outdoor Spaces, offering a glimpse of design themes and features, especially ones that can practically be incorporated or adapted into our own homes, especially touches a person might not have been daring enough to consider; as in dark walls, textile highlights, and dynamic patterns. This is not a book to be scanned quickly, but perused slowly to appreciate the minutiae and details. Among my favorite sections were, Living Spaces, which included one room on page 104 from the Crosby Street Hotel, with very dark, perhaps black walls, but with the surprising text explaining that the walls aren't painted but were upholstered with fabric! I loved the Bathroom section that offered a shower encased in glass and metal as part of the bedroom, taken from 1 Hotel Central Park, on page 132. Or the metallic wall tiles and silver metal tub in a small but extremely memorable bathroom adjoining a bedroom on page 138. Sprinkled throughout the book are 2 page highlights of designers and their favorite hotels with a few photos, like Mary McDonald and L'Hotel, Paris, France. Not all of the content made me stare in awe and yell Eureka, as tastes and style vary. But there is enough material to be inspired and influenced by, whether you're considering renovating your home soon or just appreciate the endless moods and creativity of designers and material combinations. If you want to get a taste of Sara Bliss' work, I encourage you to read her online blog at [...] which offers more glimpses of hotels around the world. A much too brief section on page 124 is titled Art That Makes A Statement. I would love to see your next book, Sara, exclusively featuring this theme....when you have time, please.

Including bedrooms, baths, outdoor spaces, dining rooms, dens, and even children's rooms and foyers from over 130 of the most charming and trendy boutique hotels across the globe (from India to Brazil, Thailand, Tuscany, Hollywood, and East Hampton) *Hotel Chic at Home* is a dazzling encyclopedia of interior design ideas to make a functional everyday space into a dreamy escape. What if ordinary life could feel more like vacation? Dinner might be outdoors, for a view that you've journeyed hundreds of miles to see. A room might transport you to another, more genteel era. A serene moment might be found anywhere, from a swinging hammock, to a luxurious bathroom oasis, or an intimate corner with a velvet wing chair. Travel and design blogger Sara Bliss shows readers how the experiences of adventure, freedom, sophistication, and calm found in the world's most unique hotels can be recreated on a personal scale, almost anywhere. After all, the most successful boutique hotels have gained their competitive edge by doing just the same: reflecting their rustic or exotic settings without resorting to Disney-or-Dubai clichés; enhancing dark spaces with bold pattern, color, and lighting; maximizing small spaces with smart furniture layout; and taking advantage of creative ideas from some of the best interior designers working today. Bliss provides practical takeaways about how to extract one or two elements from each room, with tips for any style and budget. A symmetrical arrangement of mirrors creates a show-stopping backdrop for a bed, as at the Viceroy Santa Monica; an oversized striped carpet can draw the eye straight out to the view, as at the Grace Bay Club in Turks and Caicos; classic subway tile becomes a graphic statement when arranged diagonally, as at Hotel Bachaumont in Paris; and a simple pattern painted on standard-issue concrete floors can create a durable, playful take on an outdoor rug, as at The Sixty SoHo in New York City. Interviews with eight of today's top names in interior design, including Michele Bonan, Alessandra Branca, Christiane Lemieux, Joe Lucas, Jason Nixon and John Loecke, Mary McDonald, John Robshaw, and Tilton Fenwick reveal what they love about their favorite hotels around the globe. Added bonus to the pleasure of picking up *Hotel Chic at Home*: a celebration of travel, of design, and of the immense possibilities of creating something inspired by both, but all your own.

"Home decor strategies to steal from boutique hotels without hiring a team of architects or blowing your budget." *Wall Street Journal* "These destinations are the definition of gorgeous." *Veranda* "In her new book, [Sara Bliss] highlights striking hotel bedrooms, living spaces, libraries, and bathrooms. In this case, copying is certainly allowed." *Town Country* "We love the saying 'There's no place like home,' but the truth is, with boutique hotels proliferating year after year, there are quite a few quarters we'd rather find ourselves in than our own.... [Sara] Bliss released *Hotel Chic at Home*, a compilation of the world's most inspiring hotel rooms, complete with instructions on how to achieve each

look at home."Architectural Digest"Travelers are always bursting with ideas about how to apply their experiences in the field to everyday life. This urge has been nicely captured in Sara Bliss's *Hotel Chic at Home: Inspired Design Ideas from Glamorous Escapes....* The rich color photos create their own Grand Tour."1st Dibs" The excitement in travel often lies in the exploration of wonderfully designed spaces and hotels. Sara Bliss has broken down the elements of what makes a wonderful hotel and how to achieve that at home. The images take you around the globe sharing the most stunning spaces imaginable. This is a must have for the design obsessed traveler."The English Room About the Author Sara Bliss grew up living in Southeast Asia and Manhattan, and is happiest when she is discovering a new place. Sara's articles on travel and design have appeared in *Travel Leisure*, *Town Country*, *House Beautiful*, *Yahoo Travel*, and *Refinery 29*. Sara has written seven books, including *Exotic Style: Great Ideas for Bringing Global Style Home*. She is the founder of the weekly travel and design site *HotelChicBlog.com*, which has a devoted readership in over 180 countries.