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New Rooms For Old Houses: Beautiful Additions For The Traditional Home (National Trust For Historic Preservation)



Synopsis

A cramped kitchen. A bedroom that lacks elbow room. A living room that's no fun living in. It's the age-old dilemma of owning an old house...you want to add space by making an addition but don't want to damage your home's integrity. Now The Taunton Press and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have joined forces to bring you outstanding design solutions. Renowned architect Frank Shirley will share dozens of proven ideas for expanding the space and comfort of your charming colonial, cozy cape, vintage Victorian, any classic home...all while preserving the look and feel you first fell in love with! Teach an old house new tricks! 300 stunning photos of additions that work Reassuring answers to all your concerns about adding new space to your beloved old home: A house in harmony - living in an old house and loving it Preserving the all-important balance of your home Creating "public" and "private" spaces Making the painless transition from old to new Crafting with materials that express your home's style Inspiring case studies - A Home on the Hudson, A Bay Area Beauty, A Victorian with Humility, Reviving a Retreat and more Pure pleasure to read...as a fellow old house owner and aficionado, Frank Shirley writes with warmth and insight A gorgeous book, the perfect gift for anyone who owns and loves his or her old house An unparalleled resource whether you're in the dreaming, planning or doing stage! "Like you, I prefer old houses. For decades, I've helped home owners make their old houses more livable. With this book, you will discover a wealth of ideas and design strategies for additions that not only preserve but enhance the beauty that originally drew you to your classic home."

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Customer Reviews

Wonderful book. As a homeowner and dreamer of owning an old house that may include plans for an addition, I was very much interested in learning the details of such an undertaking. This beautifully done book provided me with the understanding to begin the process (at least in my mind for now!) with its thoughtful consideration of different styles/architecture and how people once lived in these wonderful homes of the time vs how we live today and why the consideration of an addition to many old homes comes into play. I appreciate how chapters on old home additions reveal the history of the process from beginning to end and within the pages are some really great stories. I also found useful the chapters detailing the various materials used in construction of older historical and/or historic homes (there is a difference between the two and the book explains what that is). The author provides photos and insight into examples of ill planned/poorly conceived additions for the reader to see and gain a sense of why they don't work which I found very helpful. As an aside I live less than 2 miles from the Federal Style house in Marshallton, PA. I have driven by this magnificent home in its country setting many times and it is interesting that I always sensed there was something about the house that intrigued me- since it appears that the entrance to the original drive was at a different location on the street at one time and at some point may have been planted with Spruce trees. I could not put my finger on it but as I looked at the old entrance in juxtaposition to the facade of the home at it now sits something of a question mark came into my mind. After reading Mr.

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