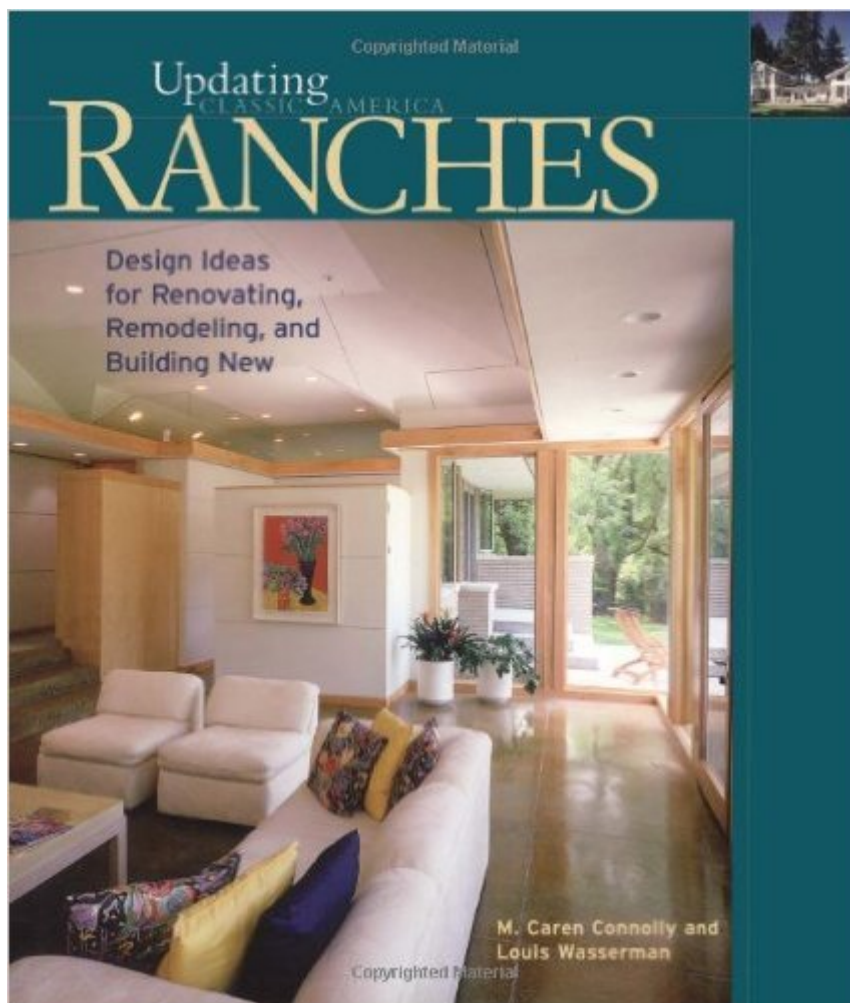


The book was found

# Ranches: Design Ideas For Renovating, Remodeling, And Building New (Updating Classic America)



## Synopsis

"Ranches "is a unique combination of outstanding designs and proven ideas for renovating, remodeling, and building a ranch-style home. Featuring over 20 examples of updated homes and new ranches, the book is illustrated with inspiring original color photography and before and after floor plans.

## Book Information

Series: Updating Classic America

Hardcover: 208 pages

Publisher: Taunton Press; 1st edition (September 9, 2003)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1561584371

ISBN-13: 978-1561584376

Product Dimensions: 9.7 x 0.8 x 11.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.6 pounds

Average Customer Review: 3.3 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (36 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #343,952 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #132 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Home Improvement & Design > How-to & Home Improvements > House Plans](#) #369 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Home Improvement & Design > How-to & Home Improvements > Home Repair](#) #512 in [Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture > Buildings > Residential](#)

## Customer Reviews

After having lived for years in a boring, utilitarian ranch home, I had no idea that a ranch house could be as elegant as the homes in this book. Even though the authors present some very high-end renovations, with some imagination many of the basic ideas can be translated into more economical ways of updating your home. The first thing you notice when flipping through the book is the sheer number and beauty of the color photographs. There is a color photo on just about every page. When there's not, then there is a diagram, such as "Fireplace Options," which shows you several ways to design an updated fireplace. Other diagrams show "before and after" floor plans, and a plan showing the early roots of the original ranch homes. Thus, it's not just pretty pictures presented here--there's a lot of nuts and bolts information. The authors start off with a history of the ranch style, since it helps when updating to keep within the original concepts that the style evolved with. I learned that the current ranch design was originally popularized by designer Cliff May in

California. But May drew inspiration from the traditional ranchos of the southwest. These ranchos in turn had evolved over the millenia from the atrium houses of the Romans. These ancient houses were "closed off" from the streets, whilst providing a private outdoor space for family living, the same as many ranches today. The authors discuss how in ranch houses form follows function. For instance, typical ranch houses have been built with large windows to allow for passive solar heating--thus these were the some of the first energy efficient houses. Also, there were often more large windows and glass doors in the back of the house than the front.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Ranches: Design Ideas for Renovating, Remodeling, and Building New (Updating Classic America)  
Making The Right Impression: The Definitive Guide to Renovating, Expanding, or Building Your Perfect Dental Practice Do-It-Yourself Roofing & Siding: Maintenance & Repair Insulation (Sunset Building, Remodeling & Home Design Books) The ADA Practical Guide to Creating and Updating an Employee Policy Manual: Policies for Your Practice Gunsmithing: A Manual of Firearm Design, Construction, Alteration and Remodeling [Illustrated Edition] Bathroom Remodeling (For Pros By Pros) Not So Big Remodeling: Tailoring Your Home for the Way You Really Live Skin Remodeling DIY: An Introduction to the Underground World of Do-It-Yourself Skin Care Minecraft: Minecraft Building Guide: Ultimate Blueprint Walkthrough Handbook: Creative Guide to Building Houses, Structures, and Constructions with Building ... Minecraft Houses, Minecraft Handbook) Classic TV: WESTERNS 1 - SIX COMPLETE CLASSIC TELEVISION COWBOY COMIC BOOKS: OVER 200 PAGES OF COWBOYS, INDIANS AND OUTLAWS (CLASSIC TV COMIC BOOKS) Chicken Coop Building: Step by Step Guide for Beginners (Chicken Coop Building, Backyard Chickens, Chicken Coop Plans, Building Chicken Coops) Chicken Coop Building: The Complete Beginners Guide To Chicken Coop Building - Discover Amazing Plan To Building The Perfect Chicken Coop! (Chicken Coops ... Coop Plans, How To Build A Chicken Coop) How to License Your Million Dollar Idea: Cash In On Your Inventions, New Product Ideas, Software, Web Business Ideas, And More Feng Shui: Wellness and Peace- Interior Design, Home Decorating and Home Design (peace, home design, feng shui, home, design, home decor, prosperity) The 7.62x25 Tokarev: A Classic Russian Design, and a Classic Cartridge Interdisciplinary Interaction Design: A Visual Guide to Basic Theories, Models and Ideas for Thinking and Designing for Interactive Web Design and Digital Device Experiences Indoor Gardening: 12 Creative Gardening Tips on Garden Design. Discover the Ultimate Small Garden Ideas for Creating the Garden of Your Dreams (Indoor Gardening, garden design, indoor plants) Breakfast Ideas Value Pack II - 200 Recipes For Waffles, Omelets, Coffee Cake and Quick Bread (Breakfast Ideas - The Breakfast Recipes Cookbook Collection 10)

Honeymoon Planning: Plan a Romantic Trip of a Lifetime: The Ultimate Honeymoon Planner Guide Book to Help Plan the Perfect Getaway: Dream Destination Ideas, Honeymoon Hotels, and Honeymoon Ideas Wedding Tips #1: 101 Wedding Reception Decorating Ideas (Stunning Ideas and Tips for Your Dream Wedding Reception)

[Dmca](#)