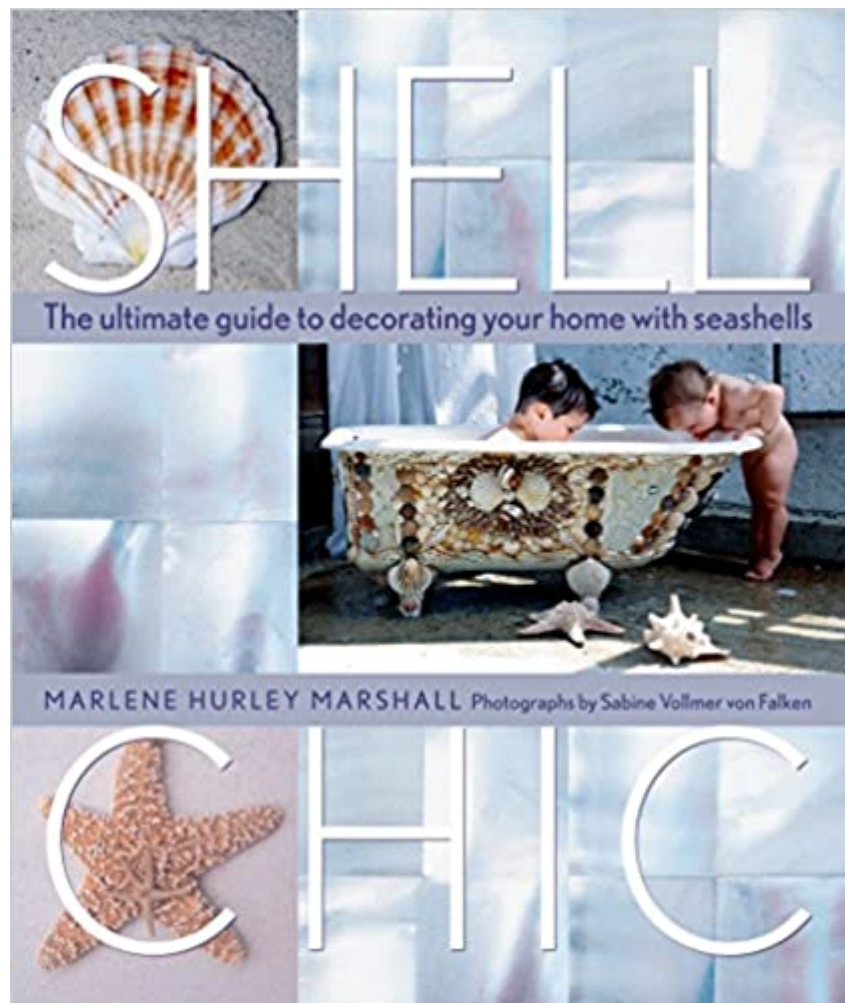




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# Shell Chic: The Ultimate Guide To Decorating Your Home With Seashells



## Synopsis

Bringing an eccentric creativity to the romance of the beach, Marlene Hurley Marshall shows you how to use shells to bring a sea-infused decorative flair into your own home. Lavish photography, profiles of contemporary shell artists, and simple instructions for 35 remarkable projects will inspire you to get crafting. From adding a few shells to a picture frame or lampshade to encrusting a small bathtub with an eye-catching assemblage, you'll be astounded at the variety of ways you can brighten your home with shells.

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## Customer Reviews

The fashion for seashells as decorative material has taken a variety of forms over time, from baroque garden grottoes encrusted with shells to Victorian bric-a-brac displayed under glass. This well-illustrated book by Marshall and Vollmer von Falken (who coauthored *Making Bits & Pieces Mosaics*) contains step-by-step projects for traditional items of shell art such as flower arrangements and shell-encrusted boxes, all interspersed with a colorful running narrative describing decorative uses of shells by contemporary designers. Highly recommended for public libraries. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Not a guide to shell games, exactly, but to marvelously creative ways to use the fruits of the sea in and outside the home. In fact, Marshall has produced one of the most unusual crafts-home decor books yet--unusual in the more than 15 projects offered, in the elegant photography by Sabine

Vollmer von Falken, and in the wealth of information on collectors, artists, history, and shell life. A profile of painter Ann Getsinger, who specializes in shells, nestles near the sidebar on the Sanibel Shell Fair, a juried show held during the first week of March. Recipes form the author's "Shell Buffet," in which she thanks all contributors to the book, and are featured in the same chapter as a profile of Elegant Cheesecakes, a pastry firm majoring in shell-ornamented cakes. Though well designed and aesthetically pleasing, projects detailed here wouldn't quite fit in the run-of-the-mill home, for these are inventive, imaginative, and almost 100 percent fantasy. Barbara Jacobs

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Beautiful book. I first got it from the library and knew I wanted it for myself. The price was right and it has so many unique ideas for using shells.

This is a beautiful book, filled with large items covered in shells . One photo after another of beautiful items made, each one utilizing thousands, if not millions of shells. I wanted to love it. I thought there would be at least a few things in the book that I could replicate, but this is just a book for looking - like a museum on paper. There are no 'how-to's or instructions or even an activity or two. I am not sure to whom I would recommend this book. I would say, check it out from a library, or view it at the bookstore. One look should be enough.

This is a great coffee table book, but, it wasn't quite what i was looking for, for my home and use of my shells. It is beautiful and I got a autographed copy collectible.

THIS IS BY FAR THE BEST BOOK EVER WRITTEN ON DECORATING AND CRAFTING WITH SEA ON SHELLS. THE IDEAS ARE OUTSTANDING AND THE DESCRIPTIONS ARE PERFECT. I REALLY WANT TO TRY A BIG PROJECT LIKE A BATHTUB I FEEL SECURE IN TRYING THIS AFTER LOOKING AND READING THIS BOOK.

I purchased this book to give as a gift to a new friend who has lived by the ocean all of her adult life. She has several boxes of shells and was bemoaning the fact that she needed to do something with them, but didn't know what to do. This book has given her many ideas, some of which she has started to use. Besides having wonderful pictures to browse through, the book is a very informative, interesting read. My friend was thrilled with my choice. Carol

If you have collected numerous shells from vacations or walks on the beach, this book will help you to use them. If you have a glue gun, you can use it to put those collections of shells to good use. Would recommend for the serious crafter and those wanting to do something besides putting your shells in a glass jar. Full of many colorful photographs and ideas. Some a little over-the-top, but if you have a beach cottage or home by the water, or even a ocean-themed room, this is full of ideas and instructions. You must really LOVE shells to appreciate this book.

The book arrived very quickly even during Christmas season. It was securely packed. The book was new as advertised. The pages looked crisp and unread. However all of the corners were noticeably dented. This was OK because it was my reading copy. I would've been unhappy if I'd ordered the book as a gift.

fabulous photos and ideas

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