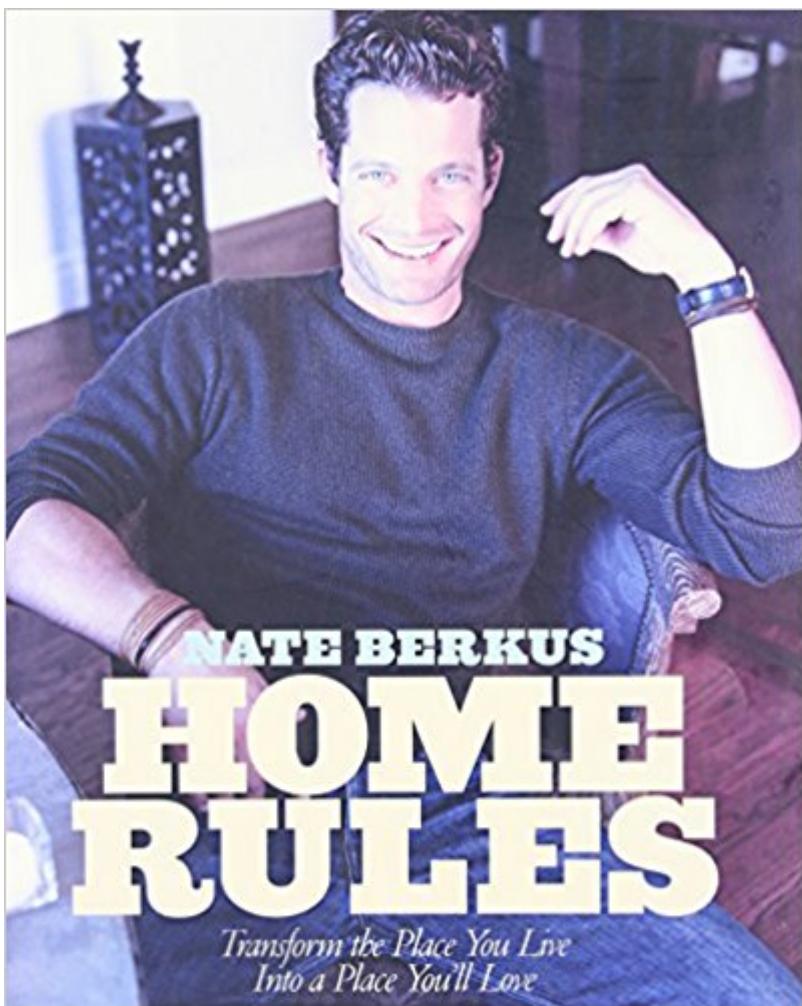


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# Home Rules: Transform The Place You Live Into A Place You'll Love



## **Synopsis**

Nate Berkus, regular contributor on The Oprah Winfrey Show, contributing editor of O, The Oprah Magazine, and nationally renowned decorator, has created a book inspired by his belief that everyone should love the way they live. This step-by-step guide to achieving your own beautiful rooms is based on Nate's signature style and innovative approach to design. As a small boy, Nate could often be found rearranging his room (as well as helping his mother and the other neighborhood mothers rearrange theirs). Throughout the years his passion continued to grow, and soon Nate was heading his own award-winning firm with an elite roster of clients. But it was Oprah Winfrey who gave Nate the chance of a lifetime--the opportunity to go into millions of homes around the world and join her mission to help people live their best lives. "It has been a dream come true that has absolutely changed my life," explains Berkus. "Not only has working with Oprah helped me redefine my own vision and purpose--but she continues to challenge me to use my own life to help others live better. And there is nothing that makes me happier or more grateful than to be a part of that." As Oprah always says, "Your home should be a reflection of who you truly are." Nate says, no matter how much money you have, he believes that is so very true. "I am honored to share my love of design to help everyone make that dream real for themselves with this book."

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## **Customer Reviews**

Nate Berkus began his career in design at a young age. With his allowance (dedicated to buying things for his bedroom) and his mother's influence (she's also a decorator), Nate began a lifelong

passion for design. After graduating from Lake Forest College, he took a job with Leslie Hindman Auctioneers. It was from this position, as well as an internship with Dominique Aurielis in Paris, France, that he really developed a love for and good knowledge of the decorative arts and furniture. Nate then went on to form Nate Berkus Associates in 1995 at the age of twenty-four. The firm grew to include projects for Wolfgang Puck's Spago, Barney's New York, W hotels, as well as a prestigious list of private homes and clients. In 2001, Nate was invited to make over a small space for The Oprah Winfrey Show. From there, Nate became a featured design expert for the show and continued on to become a regular contributor to O at Home magazine.

As a fan and biased reviewer (based on that fact) I enjoyed this book very much. The book seems true to the inspirations and styles that Nate represents in all facets of his brand. Did it transform me as a "wanna be" designer, no, but did I enjoy the books amazing photographs, approachable nature and overall experience and thirst for design inspiration, YES. A stunning book for the Nate fans out there who won't be disappointed...but remember it is a book and not going to give you the ability to be Nate, just some great insights to create our own style journey, so enjoy....

I love Nate Berkus and I love his work, which is why I purchased this book. However, the content is more Room Design 101, with some lovely photography. I've collected some beautiful design books over the years but this doesn't add to my existing knowledge or ability. It might be a perfect gift for a recent college grad or newlyweds setting out to start their first home.

Excellent guide about the rules of home and I really love the questions while thinking about the room, they are very helpful.

Great read. Good ideas for using the things you own.

I agree with a lot of the reviews on this not being the most brainy book. Most of the comments in the book are, at best, clichÃ©s. But the pictures are great, even those of Nate in those weird, unnatural poses. The book does however present some very interesting, and in some cases even innovative design solutions. The style is very Nate, kind of modern-classics. Totally worth the cash, who reads interior books anyways?

I'm not a decorator. I don't have an eye for colors and what matches and what doesn't. I must admit

that every home that I've had, my mother has decorated for me. Nate Berkus and his book have allowed me to grow up and begin to decorate my house on my own. His ideas are so simple, but with an enormous impact. He details every aspect of home decorating to include painting as well as how to decorate mantels, bookshelves, and other places that sometimes aren't considered in home decorating. The pictures are very beautiful and full of color. If you are a fan of Oprah and especially Nate, then this book is a must have.

Its pretty basic on colors. Did not find it too helpful. I have come up with better decorating ideas!

I have a small house and the book had a lot of good ideas for storage and design tips. I would recommend this book

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