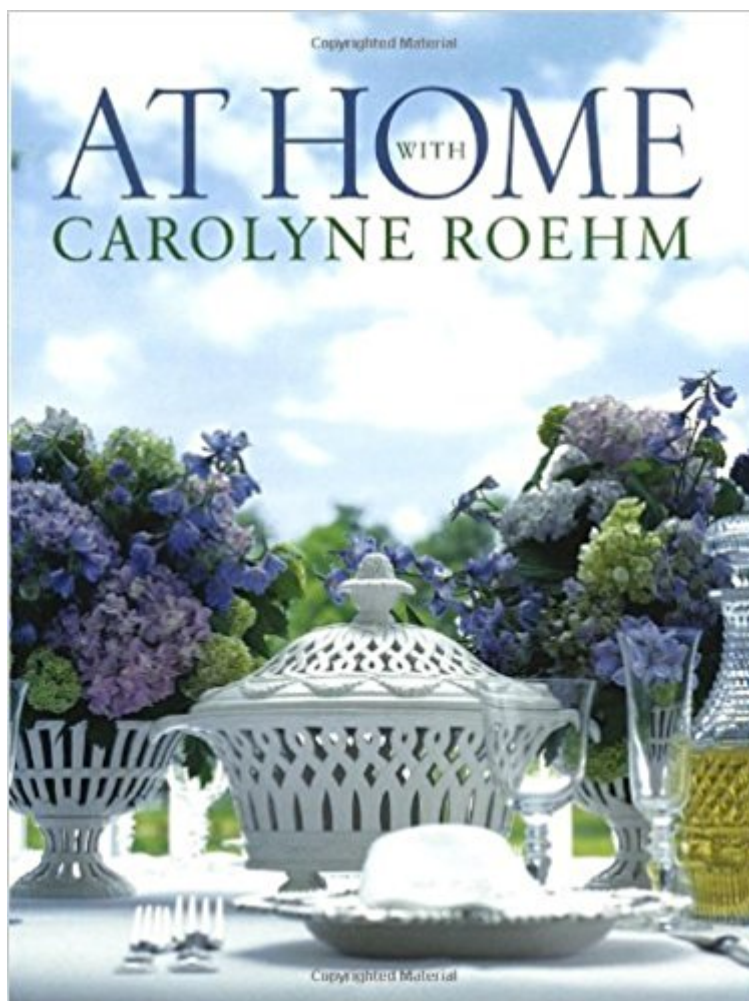




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At Home With Carolynne Roehm



Synopsis

Former fashion designer Carolyne Roehm is renowned for combining a keen appreciation of beauty with practical know-how. Now, with this gorgeously illustrated guide, readers can go behind the scenes of her memorable parties, learn her entertaining secrets, and visit the glamorous homes where she has dazzled her prominent guests. Imparting fresh ideas and inspiration for knockout events on any budget, *At Home with Carolyne Roehm* follows the calendar's seasons to provide year-round suggestions for place settings, floral arrangements, and menus. Emphasizing creativity and natural elements, Carolyne Roehm's tips are not exclusively geared toward elegant functions: Picnics, cozy fireside meals for two, afternoon teas, and formal dinner parties are treated with equal verve. Drawing on ingredients and imagery appropriate for spring, summer, winter, and fall and all the major holidays, this handsome collection yields a trove of simple but sophisticated recipes along with perfect tabletop and decorative accents to accompany them. Biscuit sandwiches of Mustard-Glazed and Smoked Cheddar; Shrimp and White Bean Salad; Zucchini and Watercress Soup; and Fudgy Rum Chocolate Cake are just a few of the delicious and easy-to-prepare dishes. For successful festive occasions that friends and family will remember for years, from a grand New Year's Eve gala to a spring brunch with a floral theme, *At Home with Carolyne Roehm* is itself a glorious cause for celebration.

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Customer Reviews

As a fan of Carolyne Roehm's *A Passion for Flowers*, I was anxious for the release of *At Home with*

Carolyn Roehm. Given her instinctive sense of color, texture, and proportion in designing luxuriously elegant flower arrangements, I was hoping to see her talents applied to interior design in her latest book, *At Home*. I had expected to see favorite rooms in her houses with tips on decorating, but please be advised, "At Home" refers only to entertaining including menus, recipes, place settings and more flower arrangements. Although I was frustrated at having misinterpreted the title, the sheer loveliness of her ideas on seasonal dinners, afternoon teas and picnics did make up for some of my disappointment. If you're interested in still life photography or design layout, you will enjoy the visual appeal of this book. Chapters are organized by season and subdivided into holidays and other events. Roehm creates poetic tableaux - for example, a springtime picnic photo shows a canoe laden with cushions, picnic basket, fruit and flowers. It's moored at the banks of a grassy island (yes, owned by Roehm) and leafy branches trail at the surface of the water. I have tried a few of the recipes, which are for the most part, simple and tasty. But what makes Roehm's meals extraordinary are not the recipes, but her impressively extravagant collection of china, silverware and glassware. Although there is an appendix ("Details") on table setting design and care of china and linens, etc., this is not for someone who is looking for an extensive "how to" a la Martha Stewart. It probably wasn't meant to be. I believe Roehm simply offers us artistic inspiration. This is her visual interpretation of a year's worth of entertaining. And while most of us don't have the extensive resources she has, we are still able to draw several ideas about presentation that will delight our own guests.

Page after page of lush photographs--flowers, table settings, rooms, vignettes. Roehm's color sense is superb. i.e. her use of brown with red, or sprouting spring green with violet. Although the settings are lavish, the ideas are inspiring and certainly adaptable to a lesser scale than her own. We can learn from these photographs. The recipes are hearty, easily followed, and particularly appropriate for less formal dining and buffets. I would, however limit the overdose of mixed herbs in the shrimp and bean soup to one combined tablespoon). At the end of the book, in the Details appendix, are small inset photographs of table setting paraphernalia. This section could be very helpful as a reference guide to table setting know-how in general. I found this book to be a culmination of Roehm's Four Seasons Notebooks, but it is still different enough, informative enough to warrant adding to your collection. *At Home* with Carolyn Roehm is one of my choices for this season's gift giving since it's all about the love and warmth of home and hearth. I cannot imagine a more beautiful book. At least until Roehm's next book is published.

A person's life is expressed in little details. Choosing flowers, wine or table linens can be frustrating. Carolyn Roehm's new how-to visually presents hundreds of options in making your personal vision a reality. The book is thoughtfully divided into spring, summer, fall and winter entertaining sections. Gorgeous photos of table settings include close-ups of flower details, accessories, and best of all -- menus with recipes. Ms. Roehm gives expert advice on where to find similar table accessories pictured and reveals her favorite retail haunts. Encouraging words and thoughtful descriptions liberate the reader, empowering one to learn by many excellent visual examples. If you aren't lucky enough to have your own event planner, use this beautiful new guide year-round for ideas and inspiration. Entertaining secrets from behind the scenes of the best homes in the world will dazzle even your pickiest guests!

Once again, the statuesque Carolyn Roehm has dazzled us with a sumptuous collection of words and images creating a world in which we want to live now. Her touch is at once delicate and confidently bold in her use of color, groupings of furniture, objets and recipes. Her style is not at all derivative, but conveys vast knowledge of not only the art of living well, but how to really enjoy life. Regardless of the amount of money spent, these are ideas, not merely pretty pictures. Hopefully Carolyn will treat us to more of her world with additional peeks onto her lush life.

This book should have been called "Entertaining with CR" or "CR's Table". It is a great book in entertainment for every season. This is not a book about home. I am a big fan of Ms. Roehm. I have purchased all of her books and extra copies to give as gifts. All her books make beautiful gifts (including this one). The title of this book is misleading. I had expected to see Home Decorating Ideas including furniture and accessories. The closest description to a home is a Carriage House. "A Passion for Flowers" had beautiful pictures of her apartment in Paris and what used to be Weatherstone. I had expected to see more of these. The book mentions that these 2 homes no longer existed at the time the book was written. If not for the misleading title, Ms. Roehm's talents in entertaining and table decorating make this a beautiful book.

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