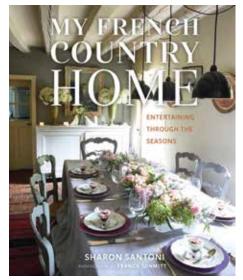




French-Inspired Entertaining

Inspired by the experience of everyday life in France, author Sharon Santoni takes you on a journey of entertaining through the seasons in her book *My French Country Home*. Learn the art of the French culture of entertaining by opening up your home to create something delicious, something beautiful, and something welcoming.





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Whether it's breakfast on the patio or a formal dinner in the dining room, in France, entertaining is a part of day-to-day life. No one knows this better than Sharon Santoni, creator of the blog *My French Country Home*, author of *My Stylish French Girlfriends*, and resident of Normandy, France. Growing up in a family with no lack of opportunities for entertaining friends, Sharon knows the ins and outs of opening up your doors (and your table) to good food and lively conversation.

In her second book, My French Country Home: Entertaining Through the Seasons, Sharon creates an intimate experience of life in the French countryside year-round. Divided into four chapters reflective of the seasons, this book shares flowers, gardens, and table settings that are sure to transport you straight to the provincial French countryside. As you dive into the dreamy images of Sharon's small village lined by a forest on one side and a field of crops on the other, you can't help but feel inspired to gather a bouquet, pull out your china, and create cherished moments around the table with those you love. Sharon believes that when we entertain, we are receiving a gift of companionship, and it gives us an opportunity to fashion something delicious, something beautiful, and something welcoming.

Inside the book, you'll find over 200 pages brimming with captivating pictures, thoughtful entertaining tips, and 15 delicious seasonal recipes. Put away all your other hosting books because this one has everything you could ever need and more! Sharon's hopes are that, within her book, you'll find inspiration for your tables through the seasons and enjoy the simple pleasure of entertaining. So, call up your family and friends and lean on Sharon for all your entertaining needs as she invites you into her French country home to teach you *l'art de recevoir*—the art of receiving. *X*

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