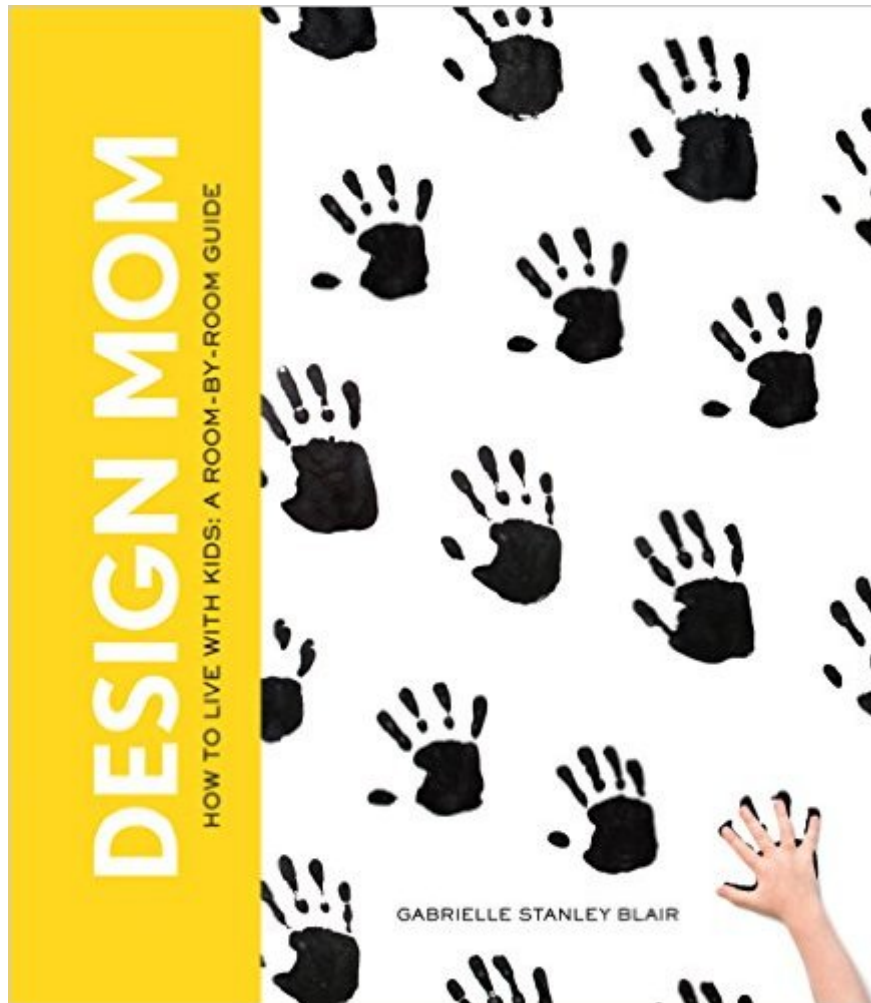


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# Design Mom: How To Live With Kids: A Room-by-Room Guide



## Synopsis

New York Times best seller Ever since Gabrielle Stanley Blair became a parent, sheâ™s believed that a thoughtfully designed home is one of the greatest gifts we can give our families, and that the objects and decor we choose to surround ourselves with tell our familyâ™s story. In this, her first book, Blair offers a room-by-room guide to keeping things sane, organized, creative, and stylish. She provides advice on getting the most out of even the smallest spaces; simple fixes that make it easy for little ones to help out around the house; ingenious storage solutions for the never-ending stream of kid stuff; rainy-day DIY projects; and much, much more.

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## Customer Reviews

Absolutely beautiful! I was worried the book would simply be a rehashing of what's already available on the blog. Instead I found it to be original, informative and very non-overwhelming. Most design books make me feel like I need to throw out everything I have start over. This is helping me find beauty and simplicity in my as-is home.

Every now and then, we borrow a book from the library that I decide to purchase. This time it was a gift for a family member. Design Mom is well-illustrated with photos, plus text to flesh out ideas for enjoying both children and style in the home.

This book is so useful to me and this might sound odd, but it gave me hope. Last year I went from

having 2 kids to having 6 kids when I got married and I just felt like my life was out of control and that I would never be able to get my home organized and beautiful for the next decade plus. Reading and implementing suggestions from this book has helped me take control of my home environment and has empowered me and has given me peace. Thank you thank you Gabby!

I am such a fan of this book by Design Mom, and I'm not just saying that because I am a fan of Gabrielle. Yes the book is beautiful, well designed, and inspiring. Yes it teaches you how to analyze the spaces in your home and determine how to improve them for your family living. But it's so much more than that. You find yourself tearing up as she describes how to arrange a comfy chair in a nook--perfect for one-on-one private conversation. I cried when she discusses how to make brushing teeth easier for toddlers. She just has a way of understanding how much you love and care about your children, and then she turns that into practical application. You can tell through every page that Gabrielle is not only a designer, she's also a really good mom. And she's not pretentious about it, not even a little. I guess what I'm saying is, I'm really glad I bought this book!

Few good ideas, but does not reflect a typical family (especially of 6) home at all, looks like a very expensive home that is not lived in. Would like to see a book showing this was our problem, here's a solution.

As a reader of Gabrielle's blog, I found it refreshing to find that her book goes on a totally different direction. This is a practical guide to decorating a house with kids, that I find useful and inspiring. It is also a fast read and a guide I can come back to for many years to come.

Beautifully designed book...from layout to photographs. Thoughtfully written and inspiring. The entire concept could overwhelm or seem overbearing if you go into reading this as some sort of bible (no licensed characters!?)...but actually gives you all sorts of goods to take and run with with your own family in your own way. We've already started implementing bits and pieces (I especially appreciated the advice on not making your child's room a living room), which is a first for me after finishing a book like this!

Underlying her ideas of order, deliberate choice, and design, Blair's respect for her role as a parent comes through. Each child needs school papers signed, gym clothes cleaned, places to work/create, and meal prep they can count on. They flourish with good books, reasonable screen

rules, conversations that teach, family unity, and rocking out during kitchen clean-up. Blair sees herself meeting their needs with a compassionate, shepherding eye--a mother's eye. This is not just an "Ain't We Got a Swell House" design-y book.

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