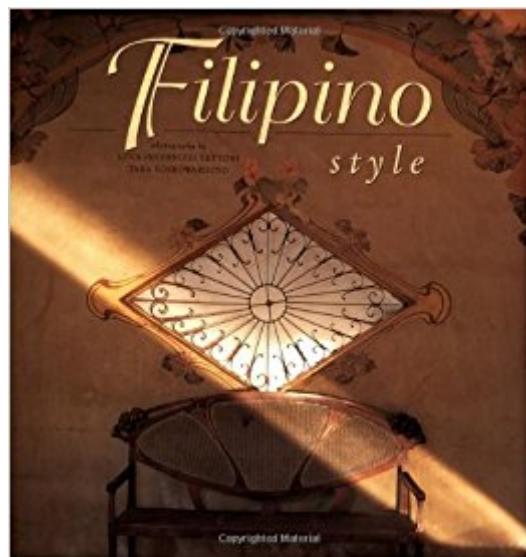


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# Filipino Style



## **Synopsis**

The world-famous natural beauty of the Philippines offers a unique architectural style to its inhabitants - one that takes basic ingredients, such as grass, shell, stone and wood - and moulds them into a living whole. "Filipino Style" takes a journey from the purely Filipino roots of Nipa huts (native grass huts) and Bahay na Bato (stone houses) to the fruits of trade with China and the colonial influences of Spanish architecture. This rich cultural diversity and American-influenced flair is the cocktail from which this remarkable style originates. Filipino furniture is developed in tandem with the architecture which surrounds it, made from the same materials, following identical responses to the environment. Today, this furniture is exported world-wide and Filipino wood carving and cane weave is just as likely to be found in a penthouse apartment in New York as it is to be found on any one of the 7,000 odd islands that make up the Philippine archipelago. Original and hugely successful, the Filipino style is portrayed in this spectacular work with brilliant colour photographs and perceptive commentary. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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this is a greeat book for anyone interested in the origins and examples of filipino design,excellent

visuals and narratives. the go to book for those looking for inspiration as well.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Filipino architecture or Asian architecture in general. The photos are wonderful! I lived in the Philippines for 14 years and this book definitely took me to a trip down memory lane. Dive into this book and you can almost feel the warm breezes and sunshine of the Philippines. I only wish that they had included more photos of the Filipino Nipa Hut. But other than that, this book is fabulous! I've recommended this to a lot of my friends. Some of my favorite photos include the Tagaytay Highlands Club House and photos of the older "bahay na bato" (houses of stone) that are slowly disappearing from the Philippine landscape. I hope this book encourages the preservation of these Filipino architectural treasures.

This book was given to me as a birthday gift from my mother-in-law. I absolutely love this book. There are many beautiful photos. There are places and subjects that I never knew had so much beauty. Because I am already a huge fan of art and architecture, it was fun to learn about the many influences to Filipino style. I liked it so much that I had to buy a copy for my father (Born in Las Pinas - Metro Manila, Philippines)

This book is a must have for anyone interested in Philippine Architecture whether Filipino or not! It not only has beautiful pictures, but is informative-- covering topics such as historical fact, natural resources, and cultural influences. The architectural styles featured truly depict Filipino originality and creativity from Spanish colonial times to the present Modern times. This book is definitely a keeper!

This book is a great book for young Filipino Americans who need some inspiration. As a Filipino American growing up in USA, I never really felt any connection with the Philippines. I was brought up by knowing only the stereotypes that sometimes make a Filipino American want to shy with embarrassment. Stereotypes are everywhere within any culture. By reading this book and flipping through the pages, I saw that Philippines is a beautiful place. Everyone needs take a look at this book. It's a great eye opener for Filipino Americans who have problems accepting their own skin.

I bought this book for myself. It's a true treasure trove of visual treats. Have you wanted to know how the homes of the rich and/or famous in the Philippines look? The variety of materials available for building and furnishing homes in the Philippines is astounding--rich woods, a wide spectrum of fabric, ethnic carvings and woven work. Linger over the detailed photographs in this book! Now I

know what to get for my sisters and in-laws for Christmas!

Finally, a book on Traditional and Contemporary Philippine Interior Design by a reputable author/photographer. It will give the reader a good sense of Native Interiors to Traditional influences of Spanish-Colonial Interior Design and Architecture. Very superb photographs. Beautiful renderings in the Furniture Dictionary.

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