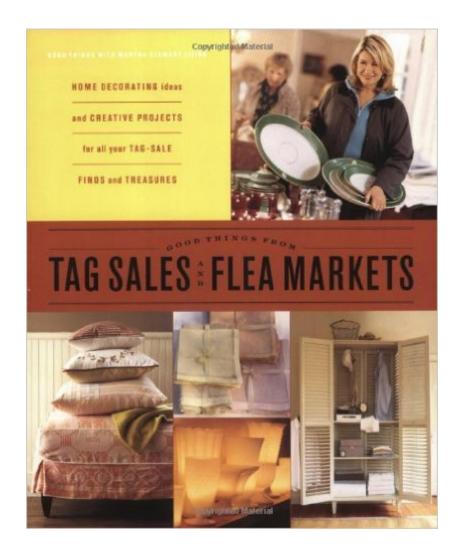
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Synopsis

Want to make the most of secondhand bargains? Good Things from Tag Sales and Flea Markets teaches you not only how to shop vintage sales with confidenceâ "where to find them, what to bring, how to spot a good deal, and moreâ "but also how to transform newfound treasures into decorative, useful objects. Convert a pharmacy funnel into a gorgeous lamp, for example, or turn wooden shutters into an airy cabinet. With step-by-step instructions and color photographs to guide you through dozens of projects, this latest volume in the Good Things series will revitalize your shopping habits, your decorating decisions, and, most of all, your home.

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Customer Reviews

I know Martha Stewart has had bad press lately but her ideas are still pretty cool (plus this book was from a few years ago). I'm having a blast with this book because I love to go antiquing and looking for stuff to make things with. Granted, you may not find the extact items she uses but you can certainly find the same general items (e.g. egg cups, button covers, vintage fabrics). I really like how the book is laid out in terms of glass, textiles, etc. Also, she has tips for caring and cleaning different types of items which is great since you generally need to clean things that you find at flea markets etc. The ideas are all really neat and really they are easy to do. Five stars all around from me. The ideas I've gotten from this book have really spawned my creativity to make other sorts of things too. Lots of fun!

I have never seen some of those things available when I've done some scrounging, but the ideas to use them are pretty interesting. My favorite is the linen cabinet made from the shutter doors; you'd have to see it to understand what I mean. Having met a man who is into collecting, I thought we could use it, but so far, not. Thumb through it, see if it's for you.

Mention a garage sale or a flea market, my hands are on the keys and I am moving at the speed of light. I love to scour sales for great finds and Martha has ideas to put your treasures to work in your home. As with any suggestion books, some will not be your cup of tea. But I use these ideas to bounce off into other creative areas. Don't forget thrift stores. Hey, rich people have to drop off their items somewhere! I love my St. Vinny's and Goodwill stores. When I win the lottery, I am going to just cruise all week long trawling for treasures. Just don't tell my husband, he hasn't been able to get the car in the garage for years.

Martha shows up haw to find those things that turn a house into a home. Not everyone has family relics to start life. Remember the John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara movie "The Quiet Man" where Mary Kate Danaher wanted her things about her? However, we can come awfully close. This is more than a coffee table book it has many practical shopping insights. The section alone on glass is worth the price of the book. We see pictures and description of different modes of glass and see the difference in hand blown and molded glass. I have an extensive collection of cobalt glass. In addition, there is a section on hardware salvage. I intend to exchange those cheep gold doorknobs in the house with an eclectic collection. When you are ready to retire the book, it will look good in your library. You may want to visit with an old friend in the future.

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