

Pearl Lowe's drawing room has country-house grandeur – but it is also comfortable and relaxed. Vast sofas in velvet and reupholstered fabric, an antique mirror and a tiger-print ottoman whisper elegance and charm

# Lived-in glamour

Don't follow the crowd when it comes to creating your happy place – incorporate items you love and flurries of boho interest

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THIS PAGE This light and homely breakfast room incorporates a designer ceiling lamp, chairs and cushions from local antique shops. The lace tablecloth is from a flea market in Amsterdam

RIGHT Characterful elm floorboards, found in a reclamation yard, contrast with hard-edged modern black cupboards in this practical, yet oh-so-pretty, kitchen



**D**esigner and lover of all things vintage Pearl Lowe says: 'Rooms that are opulent and grand yet loved and lived-in; houses with a story to tell beneath their patina – that, to me, is the essence of faded glamour.'

In her new book, Lowe gives us a masterclass in how to mix elegant, vintage furniture with bold, floral wallpaper and vibrant colour. Drawing inspiration from her own home and friends' houses, she shares a wonderland of delightfully decadent spaces, decorated with a sense of escapism and romanticism; carefully curated textures, textiles and precious, personal time-worn pieces meld in a tribute to originality.

*'Faded Glamour'* by Pearl Lowe (CICO Books, £19.99)



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