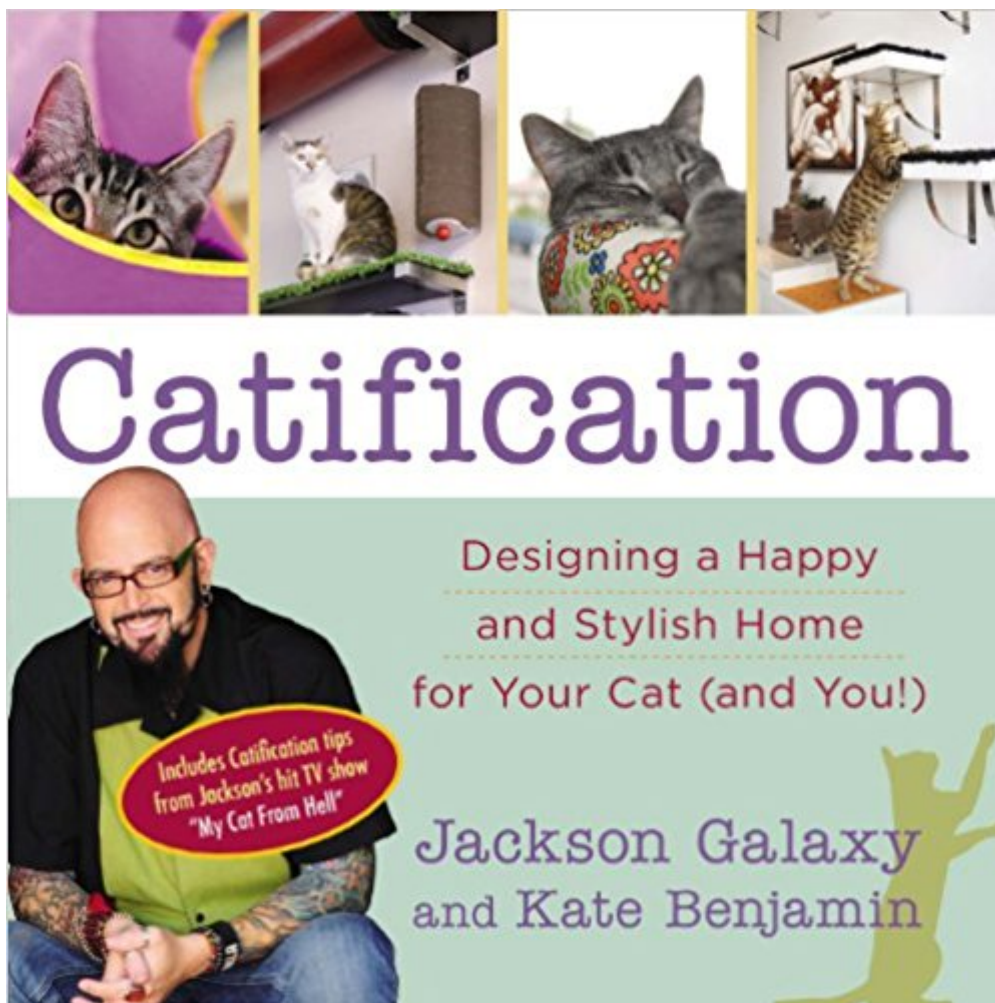


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Catification: Designing A Happy And Stylish Home For Your Cat (and You!)



Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller! The star of Animal Planet's hit television series *My Cat from Hell*, Jackson Galaxy, shows cat owners everywhere how to make their homes both cat-friendly and chic. Cat owners know the struggles of creating living spaces that are both functional and stylish for owner and cat. Don't just go to your local pet shop and adorn your home with unattractive cat towers and kitty beds. In *Catification*, Jackson Galaxy, the star of Animal Planet's *My Cat from Hell*, and Kate Benjamin, of the popular cat design website Hauspanther.com, walk readers through a step-by-step process of designing an attractive home that is also an optimal environment for cats. This gorgeously designed, full-color book includes more than twenty fun DIY projects, from kitty beds and litter boxes to catios (cat patios) that will be sure to make readers and their cats purr in approval.

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Customer Reviews

"If you have cats, you need this book. Galaxy, star of the television series *My Cat from Hell* and author of *Cat Daddy*, along with Benjamin, founder of the cat design website *hauspanther.com*, show in over 400 color photographs myriad ways to make your home cat-friendly without looking like a crazy cat person. Best Interior Design Book of 2014." —Library Journal "Catification is user friendly, includes photos and diagrams and some truly inspirational ideas. Whether you share your home with one cat or ten, *Catification: Designing a Happy and Stylish Home for Your Cat (and you!)*, is a must have. There are design ideas for every budget and every skill level. FIVE STARS (out of

five)."âExaminer.comâ Jackson Galaxy Â and Kate Benjamin know just how to transform your pad into a kitty-friendly paradise without wrecking a roomâs aesthetic."âNew York Daily NewsÂ "Even if you are DIY challenged and on very tight budget, thereâs such a range of ideas for all types of people, cats, and homes."âAdopt a Pet.comÂ "Full of DIY tutorials, tips for understanding your catâs specific needs, plenty of examples to draw inspiration from, and other essential ingredients youâll need to create a home that is suited for both your feline companion (or companions) and your sense of design. Due to its focus on filling the pages with large, high quality photos and easy-to-follow, illustrated DIY tutorials (drawn by local graphic designer Catherine Madrid), Catification is like no other book on the market."âPhoenix New TimesÂ "One of my favorite things about Catification is that it encourages pet parents and cat lovers to look through the eyes of a cat. It is a funny and informative book with lots of tips that will get you excited about how you can make your cat even happier about being in your forever home! Even if your cat seems pleased with their environment, I recommend taking a look at this book."âPurrfect Cat NamesPraise for Cat Daddy:"A joy. . . . Sometimes the biggest stories are actually the smallest onesâ one man, one cat, and a quiet love that was large enough to save them both."âGwen Cooper, author of the New York Times bestseller Homerâs Odyssey and Love Saves the Day"This book is no ordinary cat memoir, nor is it an ordinary cat advice book. It is an inspirational tour de force that offers an intimate glimpse of Jackson, the man, and Jackson, the Cat Daddy."âIngrid King, publisher and founder, The Conscious Cat, and award-winning author of Buckleyâs Story: Lessons from a Feline Master Teacher"Mr. Galaxyâ shaved head, arms full of tattoosâ seems physically at odds with his gentle voice and gentle approach to animals. . . . But though he may be dealing with humans who have been terrorized and even bloodied by their out-of-control pets, heâs a model of consistency. The cats, not the people, are his No. 1 priority."âThe New York TimesÂ

Jackson Galaxy is a cat behaviorist and the host of Animal Planetâs hit show My Cat from Hell. He is also the author of Cat Daddy: What the Worldâs Most Incurable Cat Taught Me About Life, Love, and Coming Clean.Kate Benjamin is the founder of the popular cat design website Hauspanther.com. She makes frequent guest appearances on My Cat from Hell, helping Jackson Galaxy create stylish cat-friendly environments.

Jackson and Kate have given us a beautiful book full of thoughtful tips for making our catsâ lives happier, and our homes happier for them. Thereâs a "system" -- based on cat behavior in general, and specific likes and dislikes of individual cats; for example, some cats like to climb (build shelves

up high) and some cats like to be down low (place cocoons on the floor). It includes clear illustrations of traffic flow to avoid conflict among cats, and plenty of inspirational photos. The book includes lots of DIY tips which are pretty detailed, although in some cases not quite detailed enough. All in all a big step forward for cats, whose needs have been rather neglected compared to our canine friends. BUT . . . there's a glaring omission -- where are the cat litter boxes? If the idea is to make the home a haven for indoor cats, so they're not exposed to the dangers of the outdoors, then necessarily there must be cat boxes, and there's nary a mention. Jackson highlights the "catification" he did in his former tiny apartment with 3 cats, but if he follows his stated recommendation of 1 box per cat plus 1 -- it's left me wondering, does he really have 4 litter boxes in that 500 sf space? Where? What about the people with 11 cats that have built elaborate climbing shelves all over the house -- do they have wall to wall litter boxes in a spare bedroom or what? We need creative solutions for this part too, please.

If you have an indoor cat(s), you probably realize how important it is that she have places indoors where she can climb and scratch and that otherwise make up for what she's missing outdoors. But we want our homes to be decorated for us, not our cats, right? With CATIFICATION you can, as its subtitle says, design a happy and stylish home for your cat and you. But be sure to begin by reading Part 1 in order to first understand what catification is. You'll learn how important this is to your cat as well as to you. Then you'll probably see your home differently. I do. Now I look at everything in my rooms in relation to possible catification: "cat superhighways," "dead ends," scratching posts that double as climbing ramps and stairs, "cat bridges," and "kitty TV." And I can't wait until this spring, when the snow is gone and the weather is warm, so my husband and I can build a "catio." If only CATIFICATION was around when my cat was alive! With every page, I couldn't help but think about how it would apply to her. But I'm going to get another cat now, and this time I'll do it right.

First I want to say, that in my opinion, Jackson Galaxy is the end all when it comes to 'Cattery'! This book has so many good ideas for the skilled home builder and the not-so-skilled, like myself, along with small to hefty budgets. Happy cats are busy cats and this will show you how. Many believe if you give a cat food, water and a litter box they are so independent that's all you need, so wrong. Having cats all my life, there is no doubt indoor cats need stimulation and now a days ALL cats should be indoor. It's a good read with a lot of useful information. And if you like Jackson Galaxy, pick up Cat Daddy, his first book. It may give you insights into cats you did not have before!

I did not know there were so many things that you could inexpensively do to keep your cat(s) entertained while still giving them lots of room to claim their own space. Great photos! Also, I love the "Cat from Hell" series that can be found on the Animal Planet channel. Even though it was not through, I did try out two of Jackson's kitty toys. Boy, was I surprised at how much my cats liked them! Thanks, Jackson!

This book gave us all the tools to develop a happy cohesive household. This book taught us how to assess our cats needs and really understand them in a way we never had before. The design tools and examples gave us so many ideas and the confidence to truly give our cats spaces just for them. We also learned how much adding simple design to our home with the cats in mind could change the dynamic of the cats. This is such a great read and will be useful to reference.

I run a small cat shelter and found some very helpful hints and ideas. I have one cat that does not like being on the ground and is intimidated by another cat. As a result of reading the book, I purchased two floor to ceiling cat poles with 3 platforms for the cats to sit upon. It has helped my "tree dweller" feel more confident to the point that she no longer has to spit at her rival - she just gets over his head and stares down at him. I have other "project cats" that need special attention that I will use the book to assist me with meeting their needs. I love the amount and variety of catification suggestions - it leaves you with unlimited ideas and a good sense of what an indoor cat needs to feel safe and comfortable.

REVIEW FROM A CATThis book makes me believe in reincarnation. Because I think Jackson Galaxy must've been a cat in another life. How else can you explain the way he totally taps into the needs and desires of cats to leap, jump, scratch and climb? As I pawed through CATIFICATION, this feline reporter was impressed with how Galaxy and designer Kate Benjamin catified people's homes with climbing shelves, outdoor catios (patios with us in mind), climby structures and places to curl up, groom and sleep. They designed habitats for humans and felines to co-exist peacefully together. Why jump on a range hood and get swatted, when there are mod and stylish ramps and shelves that are far more inviting? Why scratch one's nails on the couch to the refrain of "Bad kitty!" when there's an amazing tree-like structure just waiting to be clawed and climbed? Pawsome doesn't even begin to describe it. I give CATIFICATION and its authors five head-bonks and a big scratchy tongue-kiss. And now I'm going to curl up and sleep.

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