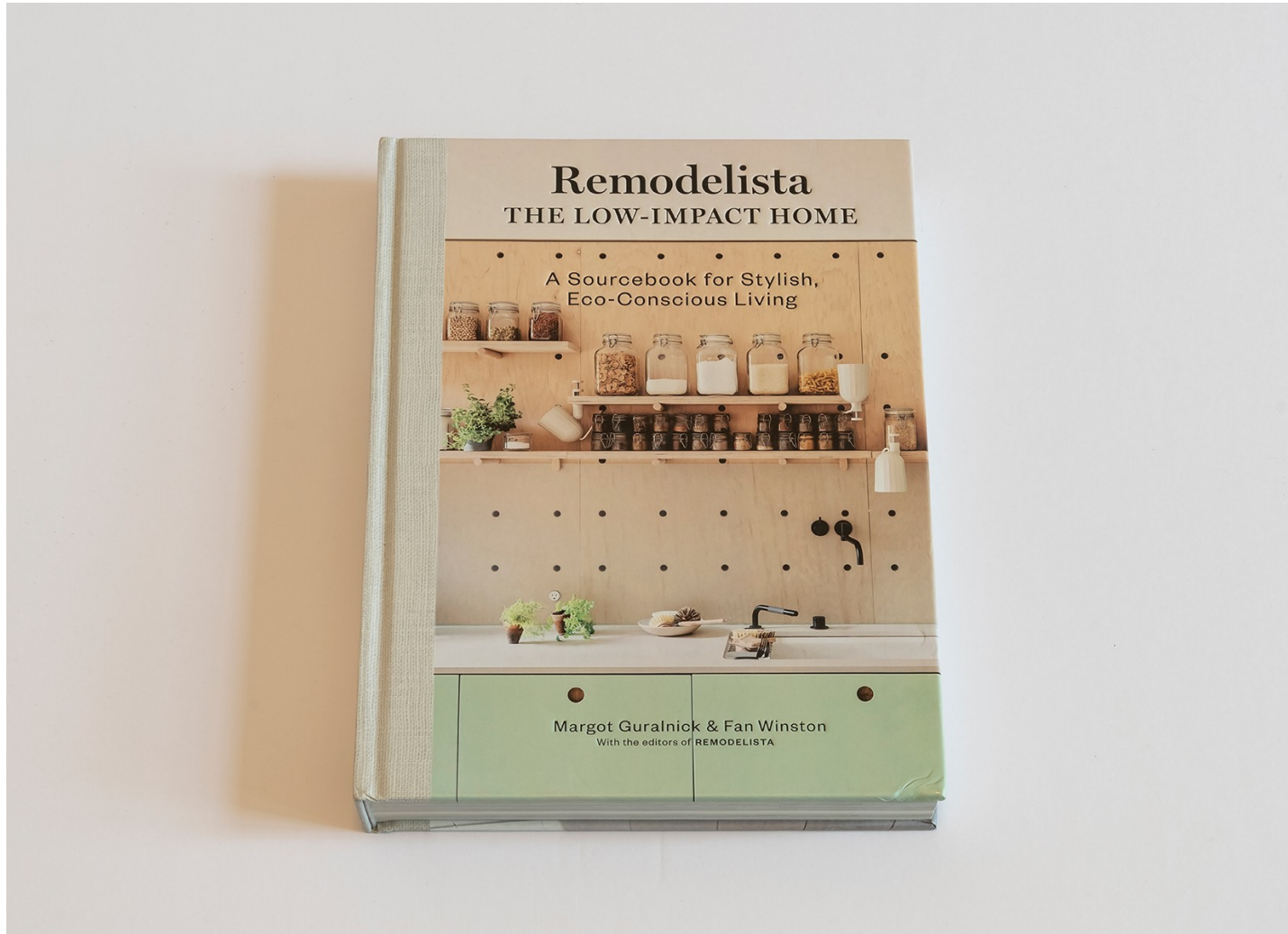


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Ornate Meets Clean-Lined
Kai allows only select pieces—mostly moderns, always artful—into her brownstone. The vintage travertine table was purchased for a couple painting is dollars online. The acrylic painting is by Kai, a self-taught artist, she calls it *Falling Flowers*.

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The Hand-Built Homestead

In the Catskills compound of woodworker Brian Persico and fiber artist Hannah Haworth, nearly everything is handmade—including the house itself. Every beam of wood in the couple's home was carved from trees cleared from their land.

← Brian, here with daughter Celeste, used a mix of pine and maple boards milled from trees on the property to fabricate the kitchen cabinets in his nearby workshop. They're finished with linseed oil paint (a nontoxic alternative to traditional latex paint). The blue ACA stove was a Craigslist score. "We got it used and pretty beat-up, then did some fixing up to make it usable," says Brian.

↑ The house looks as if it's been there a long time, but the couple designed and built it themselves.

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