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# 2016 Susan Branch Wall Calendar



## Synopsis

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*Susan Branch* is the American author of the 13 *HEART OF THE HOME* lifestyle books, with over four million in print, all of them homemade, hand-written, and watercolored ~ books about the home arts of cooking, gardening, homemaking, family, best friends, entertaining and the little things that make life sweet. *A* *Susan has now added a three-part series to her list, all of them illustrated memoirs in scrapbook style filled with old photos, watercolors, quotes and recipes.* *The last in the series came first (in 2013):* *A FINE ROMANCE*, Falling in Love with the English Countryside. *A* *The two prequels are, first:* *THE FAIRY TALE GIRL* (pub date Oct. 2015, and then: *MARTHA'S VINEYARD, ISLE of DREAMS* (pub date Mother's Day, May 2016). *A*

Â Born and raised in Southern California as the oldest of eight children, Â Susan followed her heart to the island of Martha's Vineyard in her 30s, "unable to live any longer without four seasons and picket fences as everyday architecture." She shares her 1849 home with her two kitties, Jack and Girl Kitty, and Joe Hall, who Susan calls "the man of her dreams." Â She writes a newsletter called "WILLARD," named for her grandfather, and all about home, the seasons, cooking, kitties, decorating, creativity and the little things that make life sweet. Â To receive her free newsletter, please visit her popular Blog at [susanbranch.com](http://susanbranch.com).Â

I love Susan's calendars. There are beautiful paintings, favorite quotes, all the regular holidays plus holidays one might not know about. There are birthdays of well-known people and not so well-known people, like Beatrix Potter and Gladys Taber. All of the full moons are marked, plus the names given them by some of the Native American tribes of the Northeast. (I'm a member of a western tribe; our names for the full moons aren't the same). And, there are even a few recipes! All in all, her calendars are pretty, cheerful and useful...what's not to love? :)

Someone else said that the main pictures don't celebrate the major holidays - it's true that November doesn't have a huge turkey and February isn't plastered with hearts, but I prefer it that way. They'd pages are absolutely SEASONAL rather than holiday-centric. The major improvement is that there is only one teeny tiny photograph this time. In the last couple of years, whole spreads were largely photos and that really made me sad - I want an art calendar, not a photo calendar! This year is much much better. The pictures are larger scale too - an element takes up most of the page rather than lots of little things. I'm not a huge fan of anthropomorphic animals, but I'm so glad there aren't photographs that I'm going to let it slide. Call it a 4 1/2 stars calendar.

Susan Branch calendars are my new favorites. This is my second year of buying them and I bought early because I wanted to enjoy and pore over her illustrations before they go up on the wall. They are made of high quality stock and a pleasure to see because the illustrations and little poems and sayings are so positive. Thanks Susan Branch for giving me inspiration throughout the year!

Darling artwork by Susan Branch BUT like her 2015 calendar, some of her months do not celebrate the month's AMERICAN traditional holiday in the main artwork. This is a disappointment. I expect to see the main artwork to be obviously HALLOWEEN for October and not pictures of her cat for 2016. This is the direction Mary Engelbreit went and why I stopped purchasing her magazine that eventual

went under. Unfortunately, if this is the same for 2017, I will no longer be purchasing her calendars. I LOVE her style and spirit but making something more "general" to make it for a general audience across the world is not why she became popular. Sorry Susan, you are my gal of all gals but bring make our spirit

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It might not be bothersome to other buyers but I'm a little disappointed in this calendar, in that the months don't really depict the special holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and nothing really at all regarding Valentine's Day or Easter. I like having a calendar that's part of the month's festivities and those holidays are important to me. It's my first Susan Branch calendar and I think the drawings are truly lovely but too random for me, so I think I'll look elsewhere next year.

Can't remember when I haven't had a Susan branch calendar on my wall. It's a wonderful ever changing piece of art on my wall. I love the fun sayings for each month, the lovely art work each month and the extra tidbits on certain days such as the wolf moon or Julia child's birthday. Her calendars are always wonderful and this new one is no exception. I'm all set for 2016 now.

A New Year would not be the same to me w/o my Susan Branch Calendar. Love the drawings, quotes, and pleasing arrangement of it all on each page of nice quality paper. She even draws the numbers in each square, and borders, etc. to coordinate with the main picture. Totally a pleasure to behold. Thank you Susan Branch for sharing your gift with all of us over the years, in so many delightful ways!

I love Susan Branch art, tips, quotes, and recipes. I have all of her cookbooks, her recent travel book. I also buy my mother a new Susan Branch calendar every Christmas. The annual SB calendar is a tradition going strong for almost 25 years! My only regret is that we didn't save all our previous years' calendars. How much fun it would be to look back on all those past designs and memories.

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