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Connecting Through Faith

**The Call
of God**

New Trend Alert - Texture Is In


spring edition

Letter from Pastor Jodiann



I want to thank the ladies who have provided ideas and inspirational photos for this month's "The Gathering" magazine. If you have a topic of what you would like to read about in our magazine, reach out to us with your ideas.

Spring will be here soon. So, this month, we have gathered many great ideas for you to capture all the joys of this season, with topics we hope motivate and spiritually encourage you with inspirations for your home, and healthy recipes.

We love shoes and this month we have some great tips on how to bring new life into those white canvas shoes you put away last October.

And, it wouldn't be spring time without plants. Whether you've got a sprawling property or a tiny studio apartment downtown, plants are very much in style this year. You will find in our article on home decor, many new trends for 2022.

In addition, we have great teachings for you to grow in God. Part 2 of "The Call" by Fran Huebert is an in-depth Bible study of how to grow your faith similar to the woman at the well.

One last thought, don't forget to bring out all your cute, lightweight jackets to wear-the spring season is a short one!

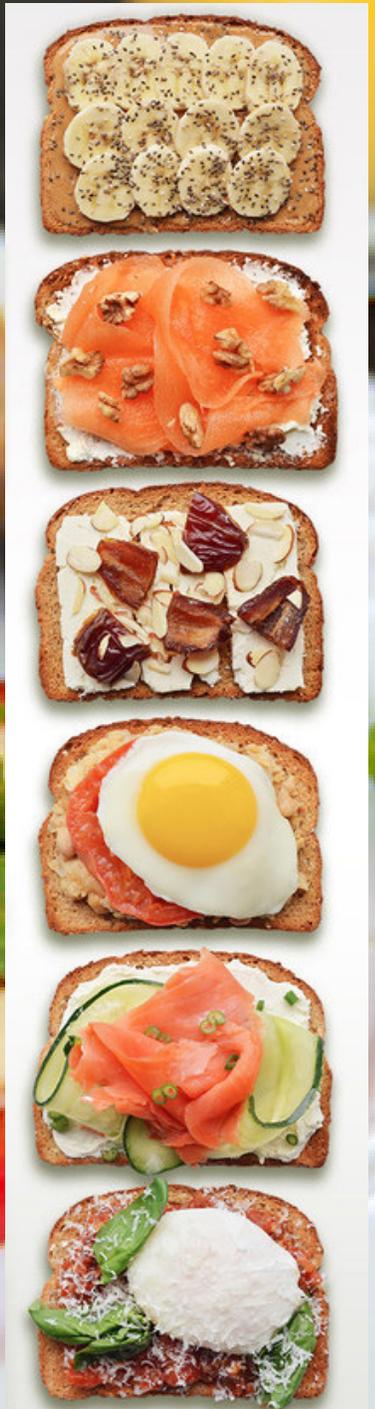
Jodiann Schott





Luck has nothing
to do with it...

Fast and Healthy Breakfast Recipes



**MAKE AHEAD
OATMEAL PACKETS**

Breakfast is the best time for something juicy, sweet and fresh. Delicious healthy foods for every morning! Prepared them in a moment's notice with just a few ingredients and minimal effort.



Fast and healthy Breakfast recipes



Blueberry Avocado Greek Yogurt Smoothie



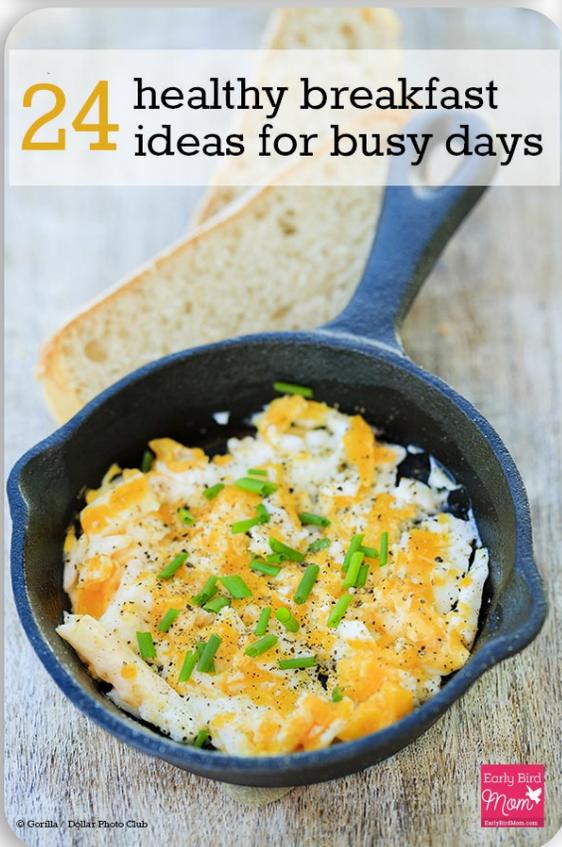
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BetterInBulk

Microwave Breakfast Flatbread Pizza



24 healthy breakfast ideas for busy days



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Mom
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Cleaning Tips for Your White Canvas Shoes

Warmer weather is just around the corner. It's time to put the rain boots away and pull out those cute white canvas sneakers—but wait a minute. They are not as pristine as you remembered! Here are a few tips to clean those spring shoes and how to keep them clean!

Even though they are canvas, do not throw them in the washing machine. Water will get in the construction of the shoe, they will lose their shape and they won't look the same or last as long.

First remove those dirty laces. We suggest replacing the old laces with new ones. No amount of soaking and washing will remove all the dirt and the eyelets' black marks from lacing up the shoes. If you must retain the laces then we suggest soaking them in hot water with a strong detergent, tie them together and throw them in your white's wash.

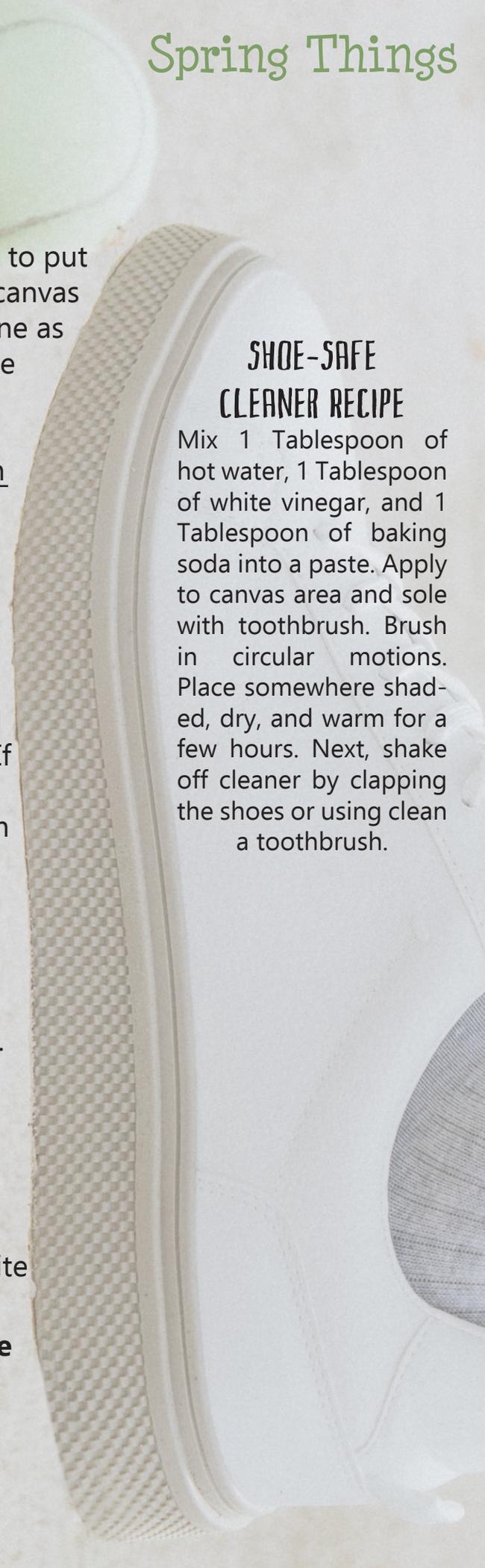
Spot clean the shoes with a damp cloth soaked in mild detergent (baking soda works well also) applying low pressure. Take an old toothbrush or a small scrubbing brush to the sole and rubber sides. Rinse in the same way. Set aside to dry.

More good ideas:

- Buy **spray-on protector repellent** for your new shoes to help repel the daily dust and dirt.
- **"Magic Eraser"** brand works very well on the white edge of any sneaker.
- When you are finished wearing your sneakers, **use wet wipes** to gently remove anything your shoes picked up during the day.

SHOE-SAFE CLEANER RECIPE

Mix 1 Tablespoon of hot water, 1 Tablespoon of white vinegar, and 1 Tablespoon of baking soda into a paste. Apply to canvas area and sole with toothbrush. Brush in circular motions. Place somewhere shaded, dry, and warm for a few hours. Next, shake off cleaner by clapping the shoes or using clean a toothbrush.



Am I Going to be Alright?

Read along! Open your Bible to:

Luke 8:43–48 (NKJV)

“I’ve got to get well!” This was the reoccurring thought and the focus of her life. She had been hemorrhaging for 12 years. But Jesus had compassion on her issue of blood-in fact, He healed her.

Can you imagine 12 years of struggle and disappointment? Lacking the strength to navigate the stream of bodies surrounding and pressing in on Jesus, she somehow, mustered all the **Faith** she could, reached out and touched Him.

What makes a woman press on when there is nothing left? We find her testimony in Luke 8:47, “She came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.”

What happened next is for every woman who has issues; “And He said to her, ‘Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.’”

Yes, you will be alright. With your heart reach out to Jesus and lay everything at His feet. This is how we use our Faith; we press in to Jesus, when life presses against us!



Do I really need this?

Curbing Clutter

ANOTHER HOME TREND FOR 2022 IS CURBING CLUTTER! Home décor apps and interior design tools abound, helping consumers with real-life solutions—or make-believe creativity—to plan and design their spaces for the year ahead. Because spending more time at home goes hand-in-hand with the build-up of more 'stuff', consumers are focusing on solutions that help simplify and organize their spaces. This means we will see more investment in storage and functional shelving that helps keep everything easily accessible and orderly.

As we balance the needs of this ever-changing world, we can be assured that our homes will continue to be a place of focus in the coming year. We have found some great pins that can help you organize you home and life. Take a look below



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Tackle your mail the minute it comes in.

Everything in a place and a place for everything.

simplelionheartlife.com/reduce-clutter

HAVE YOU USED IT IN THE LAST YEAR?

[KATEWALE.COM/3-TIPS-FOR-GETTING-RIID-OF-CLUTTER/](https://katewale.com/3-tips-for-getting-rid-of-clutter/)

Consider those less fortunate.

sheknows.com

Cluttered spaces create stress and anxiety. fillingthejars.com

The Hammer of Grace

A Short Narrative by Mel Schroeder

A while ago, my husband, who is in construction, forgot to lock up some of his gear at work. An expensive hammer was stolen; a loss of about \$400. I was angry. I felt it was poor stewardship and would not allow purchasing a new one from our already tight budget.

It so happened that a friend of his had just purchased the same hammer when his current one had a manufacturing fault.

My husband did paperwork for warranty on his behalf on the faulty one, in hopes that a replacement would be sent. If it worked out, the deal was that my husband would get the new one his friend had just bought, and the brand new one would go to his friend.

It did work out, but then his friend offered him the new one for \$80. I was stubborn and said no. I didn't think God wanted him to have the new one for lack of stewardship.

A week went by and suddenly an unexpected package arrived on our door-

step. You better believe it... another brand new \$400 hammer! A replacement had been sent from the store AND the warehouse 'in error.' The Lord blessed him with his friend's hammer, AND a brand new one! \$800!

In that instant I felt the Lord say that I was being too hard. He wanted me to show my husband grace despite his mistake. He in turn would help my husband to strengthen the areas he was weak in.

Despite our mistakes, God still loves and wants to bless us.

Is God asking you to love someone with His Grace today? Has someone hurt you? Perhaps they have cost you, perhaps often?

Won't you trust God today friends? Give it to Him. I have seen my husband be transformed as I gave things over to the Lord rather than trying to control him, and we have been so blessed as a family because of it.

Take time to open the Word:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

#thriftforlife

THERE'S SOMETHING SO SATISFYING ABOUT SAYING, "I THRIFTED IT!"

by **Nicole Cortez**

Do you thrift? The practice is quickly becoming the norm all around us. More and more, people are jumping on the bandwagon headed to the closest Value Village, MCC Thrift, or Salvation Army. Climb aboard!

Some of you have been thrifting for some time, whereas others could use some tips like, (1) don't despise the hunt (2) seek out sales and deals (3) become your own quality control and stylist and (4) have fun!



Thriftling has the potential to change your life for the better. By leaps and bounds it can save you money better invested in future goals. Looking for that first home? Have a kid to put through college? Dream vacation in the works? Thriftling can get you there, all the while helping God's beautiful planet.

Keep posted for more **#thriftforlife** articles and the upcoming Women's gathering. Happy thrifting, ladies!

CREATION CROSSWORD

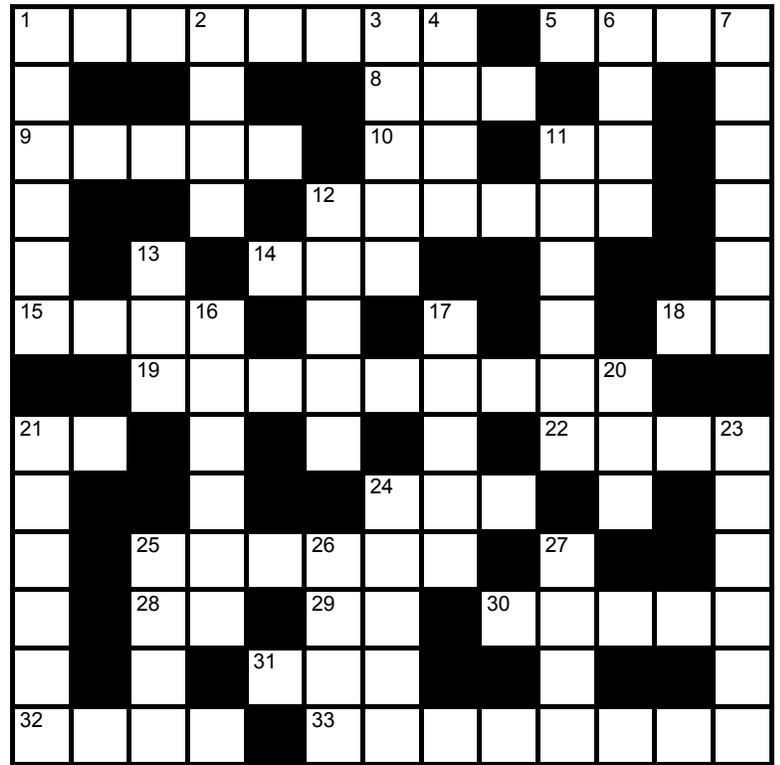
Across

- 1 The origin of life (8)
- 5 The gathering together of the waters were called these (4)
- 8 Made by a spider (3)
- 9 The trees were created on this day (5)
- 10 New Testament (abbreviated) (2)
- 11 To exist or occur (2)
- 12 This light was made to rule the night (6)
- 14 Atmosphere (3)
- 15 The first garden (4)
- 18 An undefined action or object (2)
- 19 One of the rivers originating in Eden (9)
- 21 Thus (2)
- 22 These were created on the fifth day (4)

- 24 The apostle John wrote with this (3)
- 25 The name of the firmament which God created (6)
- 28 In the year of our Lord (abbreviated) (2)
- 29 Alternatively (2)
- 30 The whales were created on this day (5)
- 31 Adam and Eve sewed leaves from this tree to make aprons (3)
- 32 Darkness was on the face of this before light was created (4)
- 33 God divided this from the light (8)

Down

- 1 These were created on the sixth day (6)
- 2 An area of land (4)
- 3 One who possesses (5)
- 4 Used to catch fish (4)
- 6 Always (4)



by Colin

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- 7 This moved on the face of the waters (6)
- 11 Faith (6)
- 12 God created this on the first day (5)
- 13 To observe (3)
- 16 Cared for babies or children (6)
- 17 Removed (5)
- 20 To scatter seed (3)
- 21 The firmament was created on this day (6)
- 23 Two of these appeared on the fourth day (6)
- 24 Paul visited here on his first journey (5)
- 25 To possess (4)
- 26 The earth was this in the beginning (4)
- 27 The sun was to be this in the sky (4)

The Call of God Part 2

By Fran Huebert

Read along! Open your Bible to: **Luke 8:43–48 (NKJV)**

Devotional:

Ladies, get out your Bibles and read each of these scriptures to get a better understanding of God's design for humanity. This will help prepare your heart for this coming Easter.



God gave Jesus two titles: King and Lamb.

King to rule as a King and **Lamb** to be sacrificed as a lamb.

Let's look at verses on the birth and appearance of a King in the Old Testament!

- Isaiah 6:5
- Zechariah 9:9
- Jeremiah 46:18
- Psalms 47:7

The fulfillment of these prophecies is recorded in Matthew 21:1-5, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey and the people were shouting 'Hosannah!'"

They should have recognized who this was. The spiritual leaders in Jesus' day knew the scriptures but failed to recognize their King. The disciples also were confused because they thought after the triumphal entry to Jerusalem, Jesus would establish the Kingdom on earth.

Read Matthew 16:21-28 and the announcement of Jesus predicting His own death.

Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Check out Matthew 27:11

The disciples are disappointed by Jesus' death and return to their old ways. What joy it is for **us** to know Jesus, the lamb of the world.

God's first plan is Jesus, the lamb of God; to save you from your sins.

John 1:26, 27, 29

"John answered them, saying, 'I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know... It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.'... The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'"

The people were looking for a king to take them out of their political circumstances but God sends a Lamb.

John 12:15-16

15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt."

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

What are we called to?

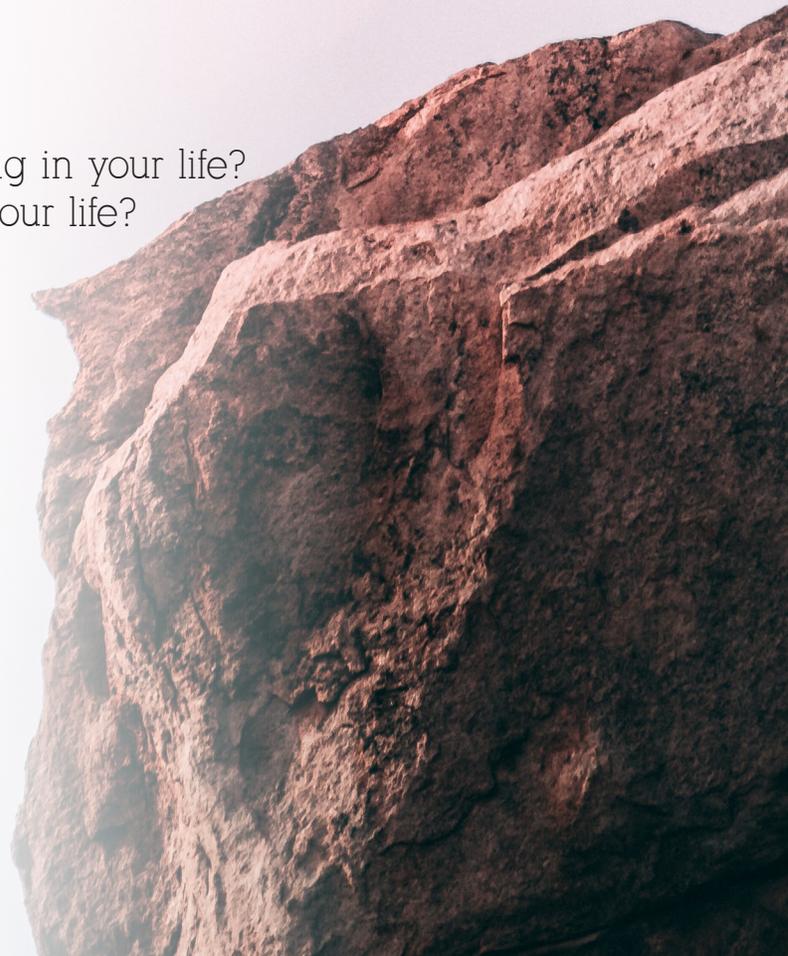
What are we looking for?

Can you recognize when God is working in your life?

Will you allow Him to reign as King of your life?

What is your life's purpose?

We are called to reign with Him over darkness, but we are also called to proclaim that the King is the Lamb who takes away our sins.



Home > Advice > Home Improvement



(Getty Images)

We have reached out to you ladies for ideas and topics you would like to see featured in the Gathering magazine.

Thank you, Anna Kuznetsov for suggesting home decor. We searched the newest Home Trends of 2022- Some of these ideas might surprise you!

The picture above from Realtor.com shows many of the newest trends in one go! Because the world is starting to wake up from restrictions and distancing mandates, home makers are creating new living spaces with ideas to bring the outdoors inside called Biophilic Design, bringing nature indoors.

We want to bring nature inside the home — thereby increasing the connection between the interior and the outdoor environment. The biophilic design seeks to maximize sunlight, fresh air, plants, and other natural elements within the home.

Granny Chic

The latest offshoot that's taking Pinterest and Instagram by storm: "Grandmillennial" style! This term, a mashup recently coined by House Beautiful, celebrates home decor often associated with your grandparents. Think macramé, wicker, chintz, lace, delicate embroidery, and vintage glass.



Japandi design is the union of two popular design styles, Scandinavian and Japanese. This design style focused on comfort and simplicity using the best of both characteristics. with an emphasis on the minimalist.

REPURPOSED AND VINTAGE LOOKS

THE SUPPLY CHAIN HAS BEEN STRAINED GLOBALLY FOR MATERIAL GOODS. HOMEMAKERS ARE SOURCING FURNITURE FROM LOCAL SOURCES LIKE ESTATE SALES, THRIFT STORES OR SECOND-HAND SHOPS. HUNT FOR STATEMENT PIECES TO MAKE A ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME DESIGN.



Houseplant Obsession

Not since the late 1970s and early 1980s have we seen a drive for houseplants. Along with those plants will come crafty homemade pots, macramé plant hangers, and DIY reclaimed wooden plant stands.

Accessorize with Texture

Besides texturing walls, use fabrics like fur, burlap, brocade and weaves. Add earthenware, wood jugs, and vases in terracotta. Use wicker for baskets, lighting and mirror frames. Thrift unique candle holders with materials like Himalayan natural crystals.



WHOLE HOUSE

Deep Cleaning Checklist

Kitchen:

- Wash and put away dishes
- Wipe down cabinets
- Organize cabinets
- Organize drawers
- Throw out expired food in pantry, fridge, & freezer
- Wipe down & disinfect interior of fridge & freezer
- Organize pantry items
- Empty trash
- Scrub inside of microwave
- Wipe down backsplash
- Wipe down countertops
- Deep clean oven & stovetop
- Wipe down appliances
- Dust tops of cabinets
- Scrub & disinfect sink
- Clean garbage disposal w/ ice and lemon slices
- Wash out garbage can

Living Room:

- Dust mantel/shelves/picture frames
- Dust tabletops
- Dust electronics
- Organize miscellaneous items
- Organize media cabinet
- Steam clean sofas/chairs or wash slipcovers
- Wash throw blankets and pillow covers
- Vacuum drapes w/ attachment

Dining Room:

- Dust top of china cabinet / buffet table
- Organize miscellaneous items
- Wipe down table
- Polish silver

Bathrooms:

- Scrub shower walls & fixtures
- Scrub bathtub & faucet
- Clean / wash shower curtain
- Empty trash
- Wash out trash can
- Wipe down mirrors
- Scrub countertops & sink faucet
- Scrub toilet
- Wash rugs
- Clean out / organize cabinets
- Clean out / organize drawers
- Wipe down cabinets

Bedrooms:

- Dust tops of dressers / headboard
- Vacuum drapes w/ attachment
- Pick up clothes
- Wash pillows
- Wash bedding
- Flip and rotate mattress

Closets:

- Sort clothes to keep/donate/throw out
- Take dry cleaning and/or clothes to be tailored
- Organize items
- Dust shelves

Office:

- File documents / important papers
- Backup and/or delete old files on computer
- Organize cabinets / drawers
- Refill office supplies
- Dust desk top & furniture
- Dust electronics

Entryway:

- Dust furniture
- Clean rug / welcome mat
- Organize shoes/coats

Laundry room:

- Empty trash
- Run cleaning cycle in washing machine
- Clean out dryer vents & duct
- Wipe down exterior of washer & dryer
- Reorganize / discard old cleaning supplies

Garage:

- Sweep out floors and clean up any oil spills
- Clean out vehicles
- Take trash / recycling to disposal center
- Put away / organize tools
- Organize sporting equipment / toys
- Organize seasonal decor in bins

Throughout the house:

- Change air filters
- Change batteries in smoke / CO2 detectors
- Polish wood floors
- Steam clean carpets
- Change burned out light bulbs
- Dust light fixtures
- Dust ceiling/corners of room
- Dust shelves/picture frames
- Dust decorative accents
- Dust blinds & window sills
- Dust baseboards
- Dust doors & doorframes
- Sweep / mop / vacuum floors & rugs
- Wash windows

Other:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Homemade Cleaning Solutions

A collection of natural cleaning ingredients including lemons, a glass jar with a cork, and a brush on a wooden surface.

<https://keeperofthehome.org/homemade-all-natural-cleaning-recipes/>

<https://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/green-living/natural-cleaning-recipes>



Paint Colours of 2022

Valspar curated a palette of 12 nature-inspired hues that represent our current craving for comfort and calm. These 2022 colors of the year encompass warm neutrals, dusty pastels, and soothing blues and greens, ranging from light and subtle to dramatically dark. Each shade was selected for its ties to nature and ability to foster a peaceful, optimistic mindset.


Benjamin Moore®



Benjamin Moore's soft, silvery green called October Mist 1495. This botanical shade mimics the pale green of a flower stem.

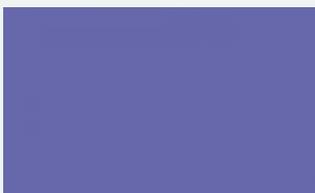


SHERWIN-WILLIAMS.



Sherwin-Williams selected subtly soothing Evergreen Fog SW 9130 as its 2022 color of the year, a mid-tone gray-green. (My favorite!)

PANTONE®



Pantone 17 3938 Very Peri is a vibrant shade of periwinkle that blends the soothing familiarity of blue.

Glidden



Glidden's pick for the 2022 color of the year is a zingy shade called Guacamole PPG 1121-5

MINWAX®



Minwax has chosen Gentle Olive as their 2022 pick.

We hope you are inspired to try something different!

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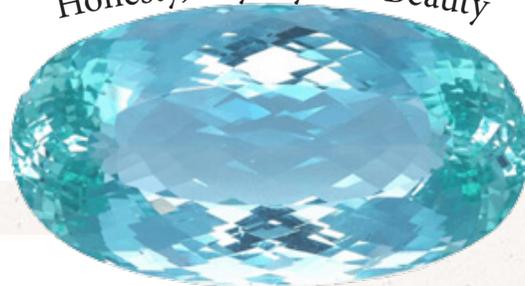
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out to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day!**

Birthstone: Aquamarine
Honesty, Loyalty and Beauty



March

DAFFODIL

Happiness
New Beginnings
Rebirth
Rejuvenation
Respect

*But they who wait for
the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount
up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be
weary; they shall walk and
not faint."*

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GT Women's Ministry

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