

A Few of my Favorite Things



Do you have a favorite item or part of your home that brings a smile to your face or a boost to your spirit? These are the things that if you had to move, you would definitely take them with you.

I suppose organizing guru, Marie Kondo would say these items “spark joy”. In the quiet mornings, when I walk around the house with my cup of coffee, I feel so grateful to be in a place I love. Here are a few of my favorite possessions.

The chair above is a grand, old chair. It was covered in some ghastly burgundy material and I am so happy with the lighter, playful fabric chosen for the back. The seat is a neutral linen. Both fabrics highlight the carved detail of the frame. This is the type of chair that when you sit in it, you feel like royalty.

My tulipieries. I first spotted these during a trip to Amsterdam and have always wanted a pair. I purchased them last year from [The Enchanted Home](#) and love to fill them with a variety of flowers. They ooze happiness!



The Wedgwood Wild Strawberry tea set was discovered during a shopping trip to Harrods in London many years ago. I remember

having sticker shock because I thought the price was in euros vs. the British pound. But I was at the register and wasn't about to put them back, so I swallowed hard and probably hid the receipt from my husband! Definitely one of those well-worthwhile purchases.



The pastry rack that sits on the kitchen island is the perfect size to break up the expanse of the countertop. Each season I decorate it and it feels unique and rather French. Don't recall where I got it, but it's a keeper.



Our duvet cover is [Shore Rose](#) by Taylor Linens. Each night when I tuck myself into bed, just looking at this sweet fabric makes me happy. It's soothing and peaceful.



I found this ornate carving of Mary and baby Jesus in an antique store in northern Arizona. I have never seen one with an oval glass dome on an oval wooden base. I change out the flowers surrounding the statue with the season. It's hard to get a good picture of the details due to the reflection in the glass, but it's a beautiful piece and one that I cherish.



My first oil painting. I finally had it framed and it sits on a small easel on the living room sofa table. It was intimidating to take an oil class at the Scottsdale Artist School with master painters, but I like the results.



Our dining room chandelier was brought with us from our last home. Illuminated once by candlelight, we had it wired for

today's use. This would definitely come with us to a new house. It is elegant but not too gaudy.



The antique sofa that sits in our master bedroom was a purchase from the [Brimfield Antique Show](#). Covered in French grain sacks, it was in our barn for years as I pondered what to do with it. Finally, a friend suggested a large houndstooth fabric and voila! It took the upholsterer several months to do it, but I love how it turned out.



Lastly, during a trip to Paris with my dear friend, Susan, I purchased several glass Christmas ornaments. I keep them in a footed trifle bowl on a living room end table all year round. They are so pretty and I can clearly remember that cold day in November when I purchased them and carefully carried them back to the States.



There are so many things I love here at our home, but these items speak to me daily. This year I would like to go room to room and get rid of those things that are just filling space, but do not fill my soul. What do you have in your everyday life that makes your heart happy?

Happy Tuesday, my dear friends!

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