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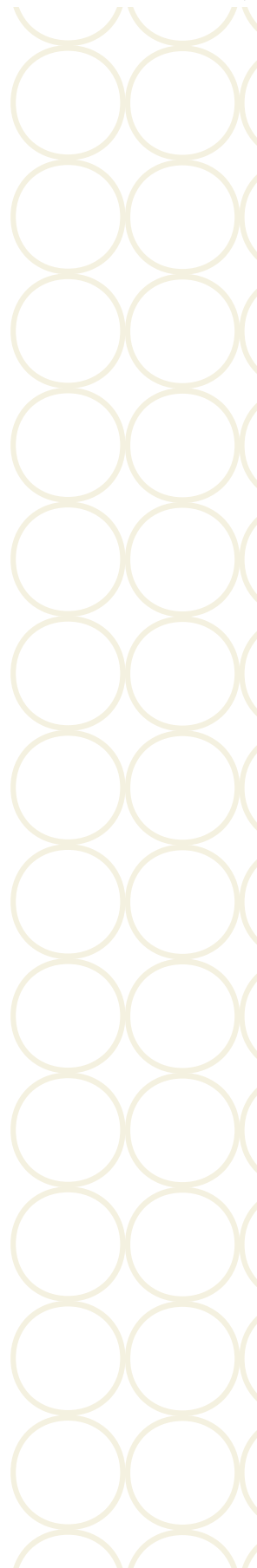
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DEDICATION



To my children, Celine, Julia, and Adam: If there is one thing I want you to take away from this, it is that when you do what you love from your heart, dreams do come true. You three are my reason, my why, my everything.

To my husband, William: You have shown me the definition of true love. The way you believe in me, the way you're there for me, has allowed me to spread my wings and do what I love without holding back. Thank you for being you. I love you!

To my parents, who sacrificed so much for me growing up, and taught me that hard work and drive are all I need for success, and that being respectful and compassionate toward others is everything I need to be the best version of myself. You continue to be my support system to this day. I am forever grateful, and I love you!

To my mom, who showed me the importance of loving my home. Through you, I learned that our home should be our pride and joy, and that it's one way to take care of our family.

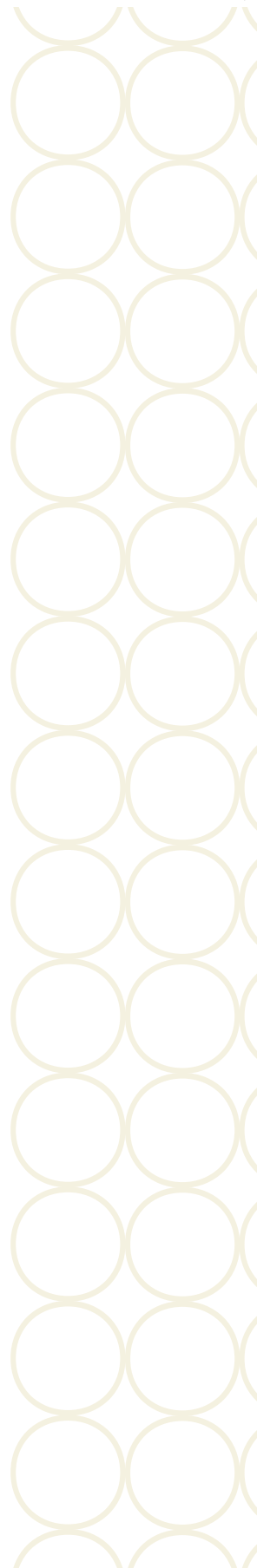
To my fans, customers, and social media friends, you are my extended family, and I will forever be grateful to you for accepting me for who I am and allowing me into your homes whether through investing in my products or through social media. I am forever humbled!

WE did it!

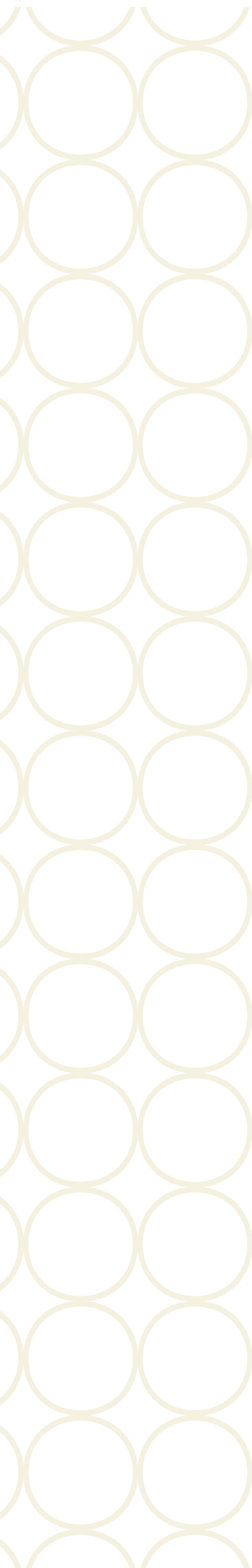


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If you know anything about me by now, you know **I love my coffee**—and having a coffee station on my countertop is a luxury!

ORGANIZATION

Speaking of functional spaces, keep your drawers and pantries as organized as possible.

There's nothing like having everything clean, organized, and in its place. As my Instagram family knows, I clean my home on a regular basis, but I also believe in a deep spring clean each year. Spring cleaning can be tackled over one day or over a weekend, or maybe over the course of a few weekends.

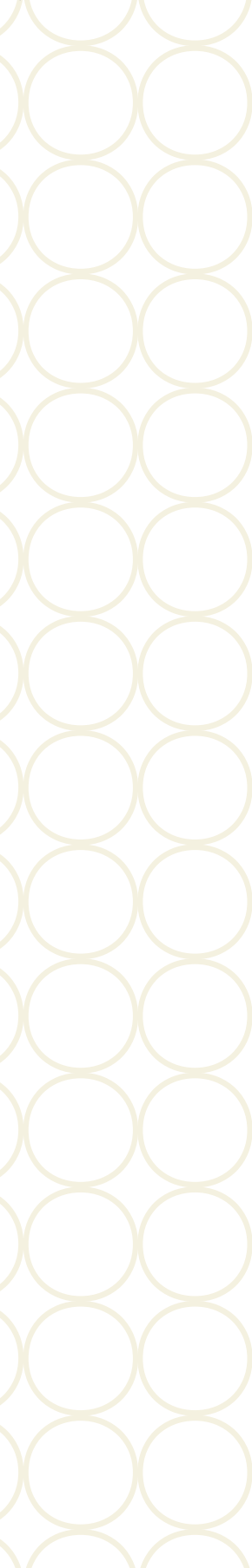
My drawers are pretty well organized, mostly because I've learned to rely on containers. Look at my tea drawer, at right: Thanks to various organizers, I can easily see what types of teas I have and select one without having to root through boxes. I can also tell when I'm running low on a particular kind.

Every spring, I like to pull everything out of each drawer so I can wipe it down. I use hot water, mild dish soap, and a microfiber cloth. Once the drawers are clean, I bring in some fresh liners, cut them to size, and place them in the drawers. Then I put everything back, and I'm ready to go for another year.









My pantry used to have metal wire shelving that I didn't love. It felt like I was always disorganized, and it didn't give me the space I needed. So I had the metal shelving removed and replaced it with wood shelves.

To thoroughly clean the pantry, I remove everything from the shelves and wipe them down with warm water and mild dishwashing soap. Then I vacuum and wipe down the floors with a swiffer, because, let's be honest, in pantries, the first thing you're going to have to deal with is accumulated crumbs and spices.

Getting organized is the part I love—removing everything from the shelves and taking stock. This is an opportunity to throw away all the expired items you didn't realize were expired, and to throw away things you no longer need, like those marshmallows you used to make hot cocoa in the winter.

Then you'll need to figure out what type of organizational tools you need. I got mine from a variety of stores, like Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Goods, Target, and the Container Store. Here are some of the things I find beneficial:

Glass canisters in different shapes and sizes. I store everything from flour, sugar, and other dry goods to crackers, pretzels, and other snacks and treats for my kids.

An expandable, tiered organizer, perfect for canned goods and spices, so you can see exactly what you have instead of losing track of whatever's in the back of the shelf.

A lazy Susan. I found a marble-topped one at Bed Bath & Beyond that's supposed to be for a dining table, but I thought it was perfect for my pantry. I put oils and vinegars on it.

Clear containers are amazing, and can be found anywhere. I store pastas and legumes in mine.

Baskets are another great storage solution, especially for garlic, onions, and potatoes.





If you use a lot of spices, consider buying matching jars. You can simply empty out your spices into the jars, label them, and place them on a tiered shelving unit so it acts as a spice rack in your pantry.

Before you start filling up all your containers, make sure you wash them. Once you've put everything into the baskets, canisters, jars, containers, or whatever organizational tools you've purchased, you can enjoy a pantry that will help you stay organized!



