

THE GENUINE HOME



HOME DESIGN AUDIT

WELCOME TO THE GENUINE HOME



Hi, I'm Micheala! Thank you so much for downloading The Genuine Home's Home Design Audit! I'm the CEO and Principal Interior Designer of The Genuine Home. In this guide, you will learn how to take that first step towards making those little or large changes that will make your dwelling less like a house and more like a home!

"The most important work you will ever do will be within the walls of your own home. "

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Step 1 - Reflect & Decide On A Theme

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Step 2 - Time To Hit The Reset Button & Declutter

This is going to be a lengthy step so be prepared! How can you make each space more functional and more beautiful? Go through each room in your home and make a list of repairs, renovations wanted, or functional improvements required. Go through each space thoroughly and declutter to kick off embracing your space!

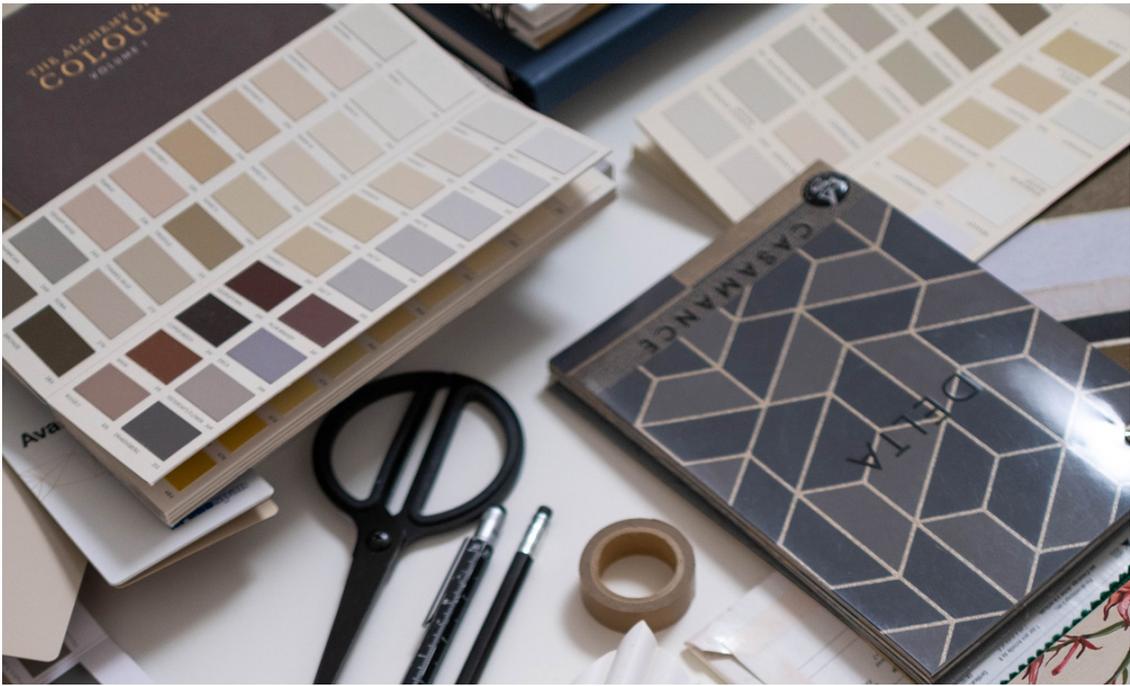
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This is where it gets to be so much fun! It's time to figure out how much each repair, renovation, or improvement will cost. Prioritize items and schedule projects according to priority, budget, and timeline. You've done the work and the planning, now it's time for the execution. If you still haven't finished decluttering or tidying, do this first! It will save a ton of time once projects get underway!

Step 4 - Pull It All Together!

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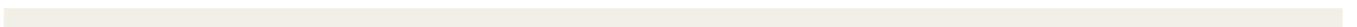
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It's important to sit down and think about what you really need and want before you make any changes to your home.

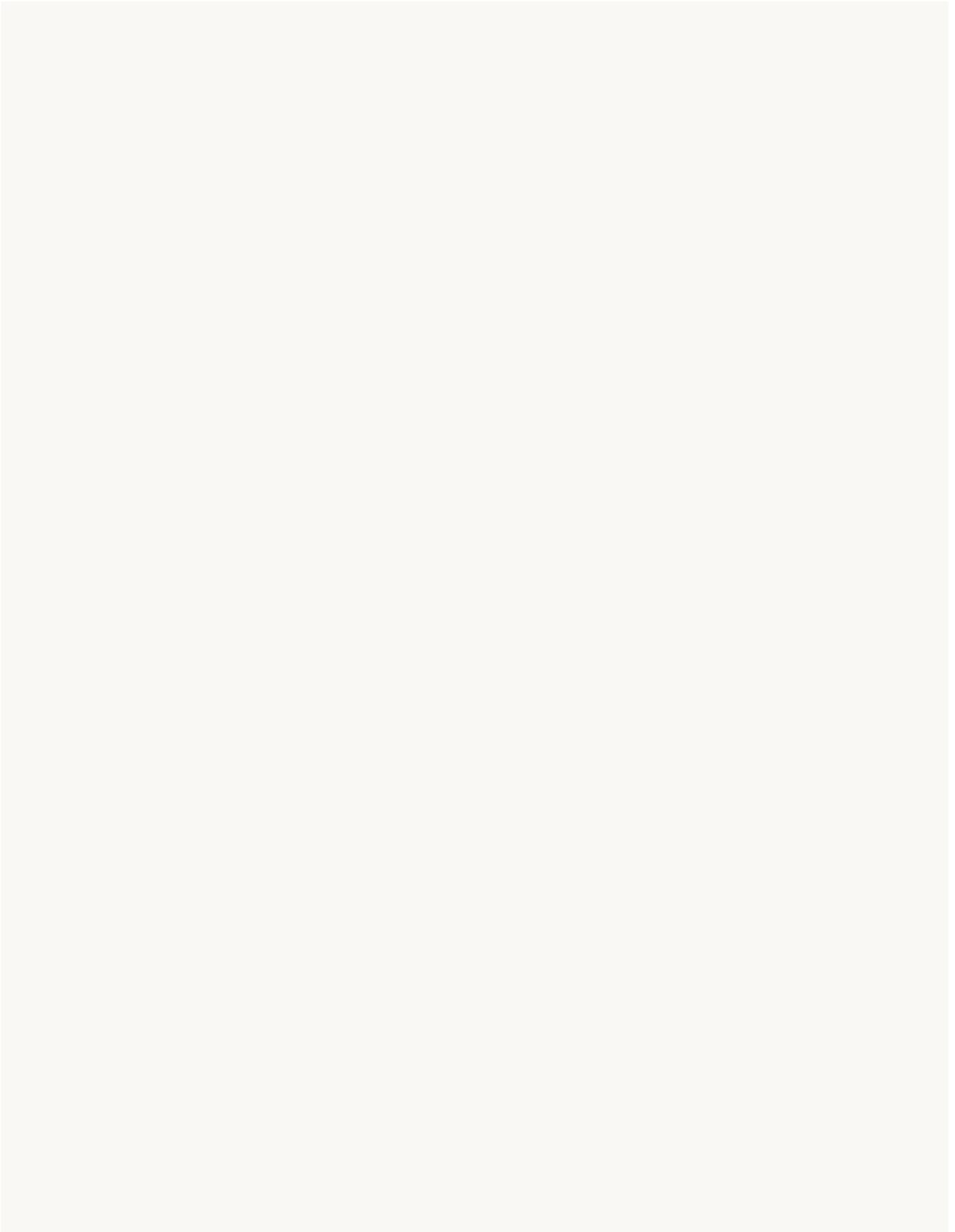
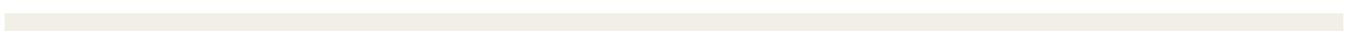
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Then decide on a color palette of about 3-5 colors that you love most. Keep these in mind as you start building your spaces. Play with patterns in your selected color palette in your home too! The way you can make your home cohesive is to use similar tones and textures throughout the home.



Reflection Page

Brainstorm what you would like your home to feel/look like...

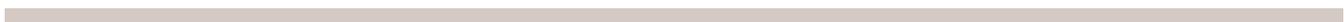
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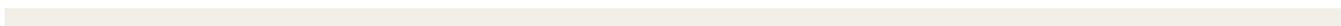
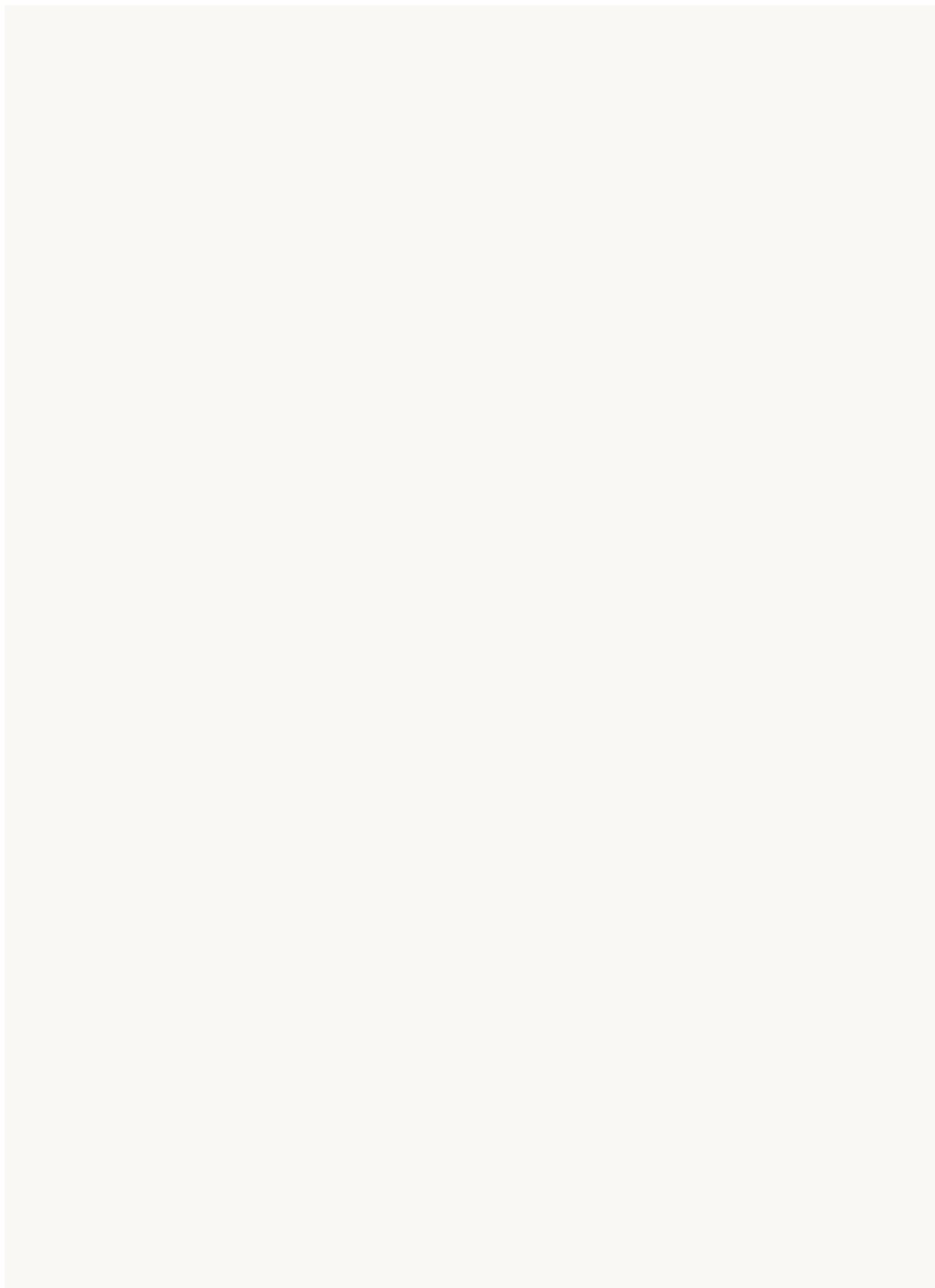
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If you still haven't finished decluttering or tidying, do this first! It will save a ton of time once projects get underway! It also could change your life. I'm being completely serious! If you don't believe me, check out this [blog post](#)!

Now that you've made your list of the repairs needed and renovations you'd like to do, it's time to finally hit that reset button and make a realistic plan for what to do first and what you can afford to do! Don't get overwhelmed at this stage. It may feel like you'll never be able to accomplish everything on your list, but remember the joy is found in the journey! Take a moment to look around and be grateful for the roof over your head and what you already have that brings you joy. Then take a deep breath and start the execution.



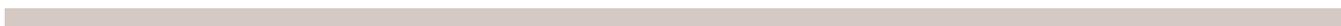
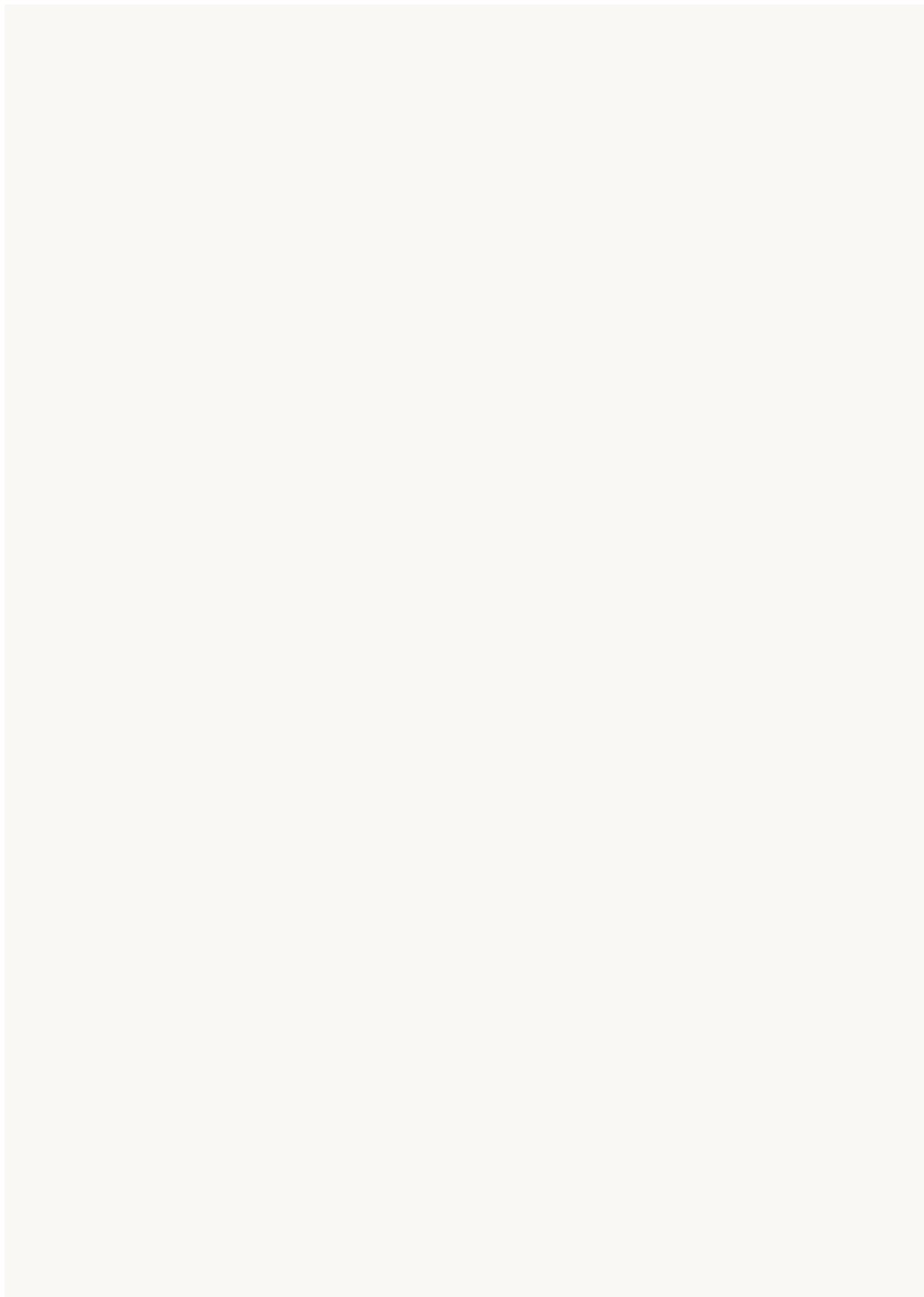
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Now that you have narrowed down what you would like your home to look and feel like from Step 1. Use your notes from Step 2 to think about how you use the spaces in your home and what function you need in each space to be able to tackle the critical items first like a leak or a furnace in need of repair. Keeping your home in good condition can lower your monthly bills and raise the resale value as well as making it more comfortable to live in! Sometimes it's tempting to do the fun things first like painting or buying new furniture, but don't overlook the basics.

Use the planning pages below to be able to start crafting the perfect plan for moving toward cultivating an intentionally designed home.



Step 4 - Put It All Together!

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Our homes and the way our furniture is laid out can positively or negatively influence our quality of life just by how we experience our spaces. Spaces do not need to be large, grand, or perfectly presented to be interesting. All they need to do is capture the quirks and idiosyncrasies of the people who live within them. Our homes should serve our lives so remember to tackle each project in order and enjoy the process!

You now have a plan for how to make your house the home you've always dreamed of!

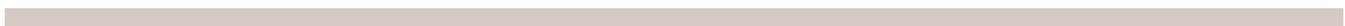
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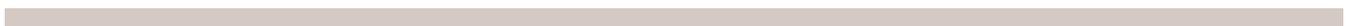
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"Simplicity is about subtracting the obvious and adding the meaningful."

- John Maeda

You made it! I'm so excited that you've decided to grab this workbook and take the first step in curating your home with grace. You now have a plan for how to turn your house into the home you've always dreamed of. I hope this was helpful for you in designing your spaces. If you'd like to learn more about paint, I'd love for you to come take a look at this amazing course!