

THE LAZY WOMAN

YOU ARE AN ARTIST!

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How do I know you are an artist?

Because you live somewhere! No matter how little creativity you may think you were graced with at birth, you are expressing yourself as an artist on the canvas you call "home." But, if you are at all unsatisfied with your "art," the following are a couple Lazy Woman tips for you.

Copy the Picasso Down the Street

I once had a friend who had no idea how to put an outfit together, so she would walk into a store and buy an entire ensemble (from shoes to earrings!) off a mannequin. Over time, she learned how to put outfits together herself and became an artist in her own right! All artists go through stages of copying other proven artists. In copying the wise ones who have created beauty we appreciate, we find our own artistic voice. If you are unclear of what to do with your home, the Lazy Woman solution is plagiarism. Tear out pictures from magazines, snap photos at other people's homes, and absolutely copy them. Soon, you'll be inspiring yourself!

Draw a Line in the Beautiful Sand

If you look around your house and don't like the way it looks, my advice is to tour your house and ask the following question of every item in it: "Do I love it (feel good, get happy, etc.) when I see you?"

You need to draw a line in the sand and remember that you have the power to choose what you look at every day. Sometimes we leave things in our homes that we actually think are ugly because they were given to us by someone special, or we inherited them from family. I am happiest and most serene when I am surrounded by beauty. So, if I have something that I don't consider beautiful, I choose to give it away, hide it or camouflage it with beauty! I live by the rule: "If I don't love looking at it, it goes!"

Picasso once said "Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life." Said another way: If you treat your home as your art, one of the most wonderful perks is they won't notice the dust, because they'll be bedazzled by your "canvas"!

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