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# MY LIFE AS A MOM

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*Celebrate Spring*

*Garden Clean up & Planting*

*Easter Basket DIY*

*Taquela's Craft Corner*

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hello Friends,  
April has arrived, signaling the arrival of Spring! My garden is beginning to flourish, heralding a beautiful gardening season ahead. This month, I will share a variety of topics, including gardening, crafts, my book of the month, and much more. Join me at My Life As A Mom for all the fun!

Sincerely,

*Paquela Hudson*  
Blogger & Editor

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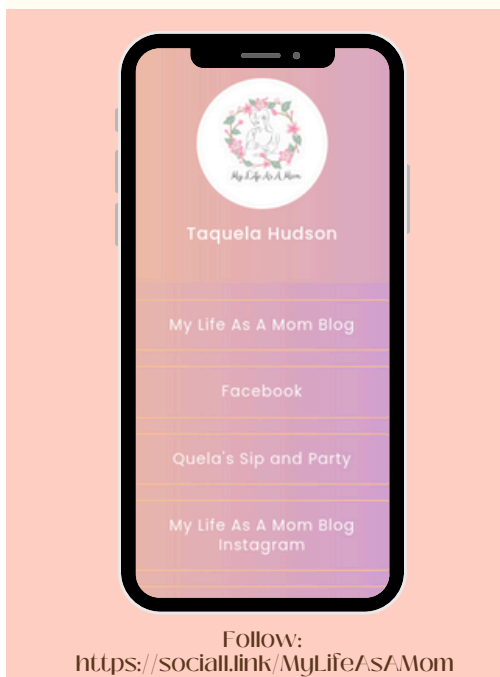


Bridal Shower





# My Life As A Mom Newsletter



## What to look for?

Top Podcast - Sharing my favorite podcast

Affiliate Post - Check out some deals from some of my affiliates

All About Wine - Wine Wine Winesday every Wednesday

Garden Saturday - Take a Scroll in my garden

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## Natural Cleaning Recipes

Come make homemade sanitizers, disinfectants, and more with me on My Life As A Mom Blog



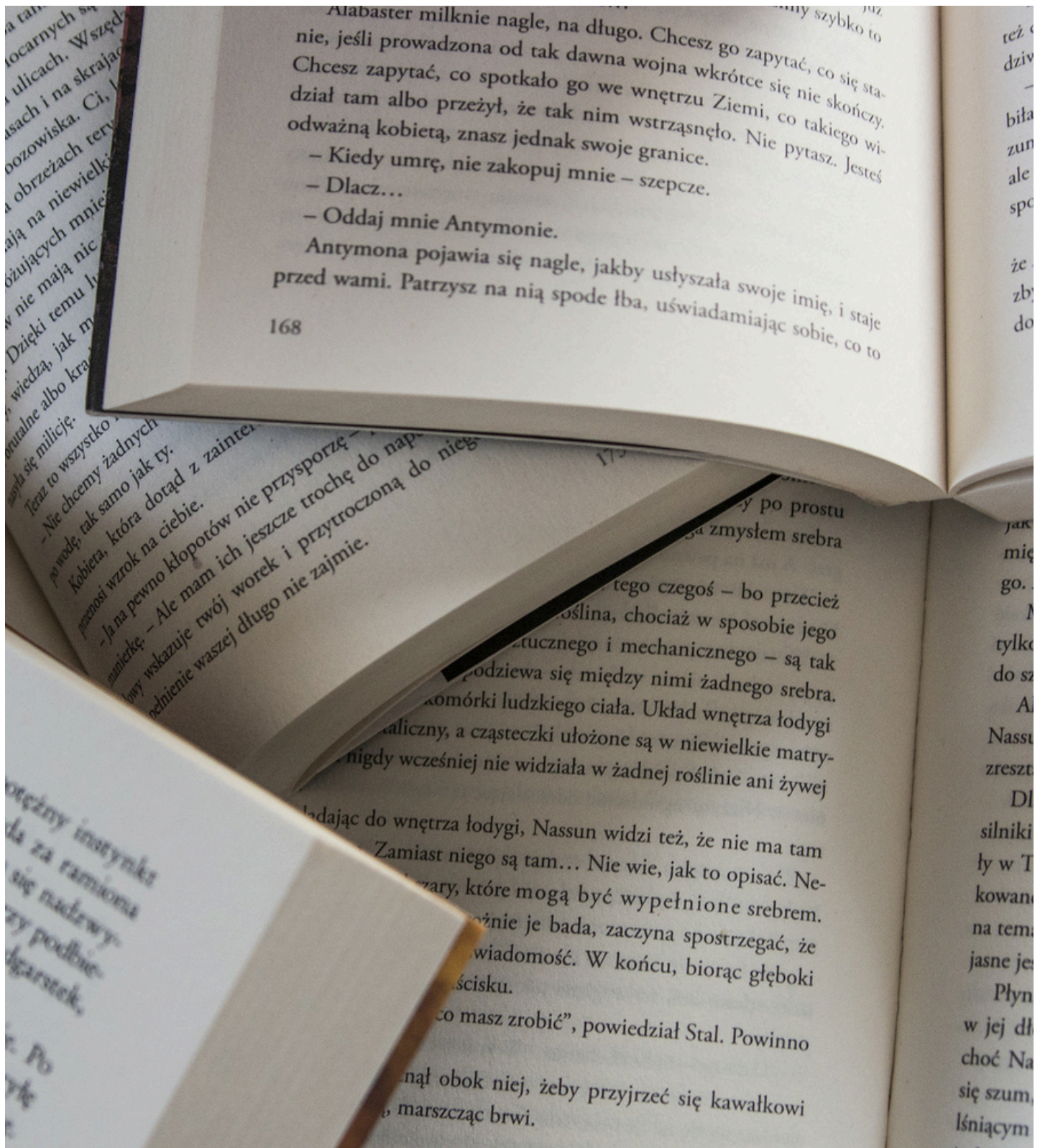
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# BOOK OF THE MONTH

## *The New Romantic Garden*



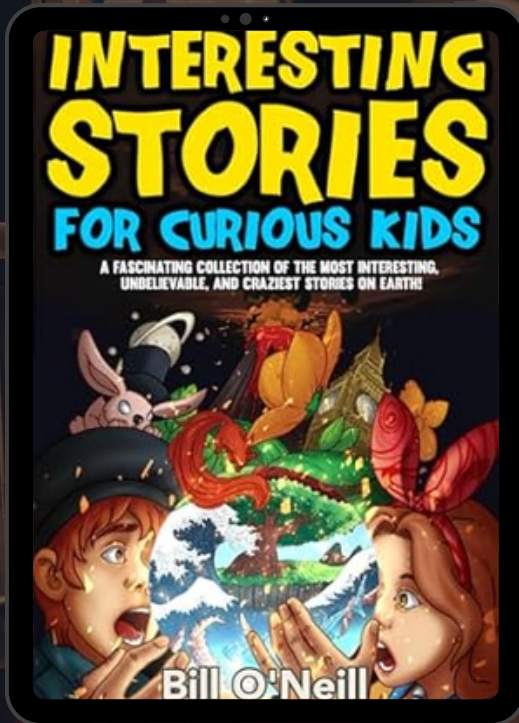
*From one of today's leading garden designers, known for her keen eye for colour and modern romanticism, comes a volume that reveals in thirty exquisitely planted gardens dozens of ideas on how to adapt traditional garden design elements for today's more ecologically based aesthetics.*

*Over her thirty-year career, celebrated designer Jo Thompson has become recognised for her timeless planting, well-proportioned, English-style gardens rendered modern by a staunch commitment to biodiversity—to the eye this translates as a looser formality than English gardens of the past, though every bit as romantic.*



# DAUGHTER'S CHOICE

## *The Baby-Sitters Club*



*Want to impress your buddies at school?  
Need to think of something fun to do at Thanksgiving or Christmas?  
Want to learn a bunch of random facts about history, science, and the paranormal?  
If you answered yes to any or all of those questions then pick up *Interesting Stories for Curious Kids: A Fascinating Collection of the Most Interesting, Unbelievable, and Craziest Stories on Earth!* This book is the coolest collection of interesting facts about a whole bunch of several different topics.*

## COOKBOOK OF THE MONTH

### *Easy Weeknight Dinners*

*It's Tuesday, 4 p.m. What's for dinner? For busy people who want something good to eat, culinary powerhouse New York Times Cooking makes meal planning easy, with thousands of recipes to explore in the app. In *Easy Weeknight Dinners*, editor in chief Emily Weinstein has curated some of the greatest hits—100 favorite dishes that you can make in as little as 10 minutes, from trusted writers Melissa Clark, Eric Kim, Yewande Komolafe, Ali Slagle, and more, served with mouth-watering photos and notes from the NYT Cooking community.*

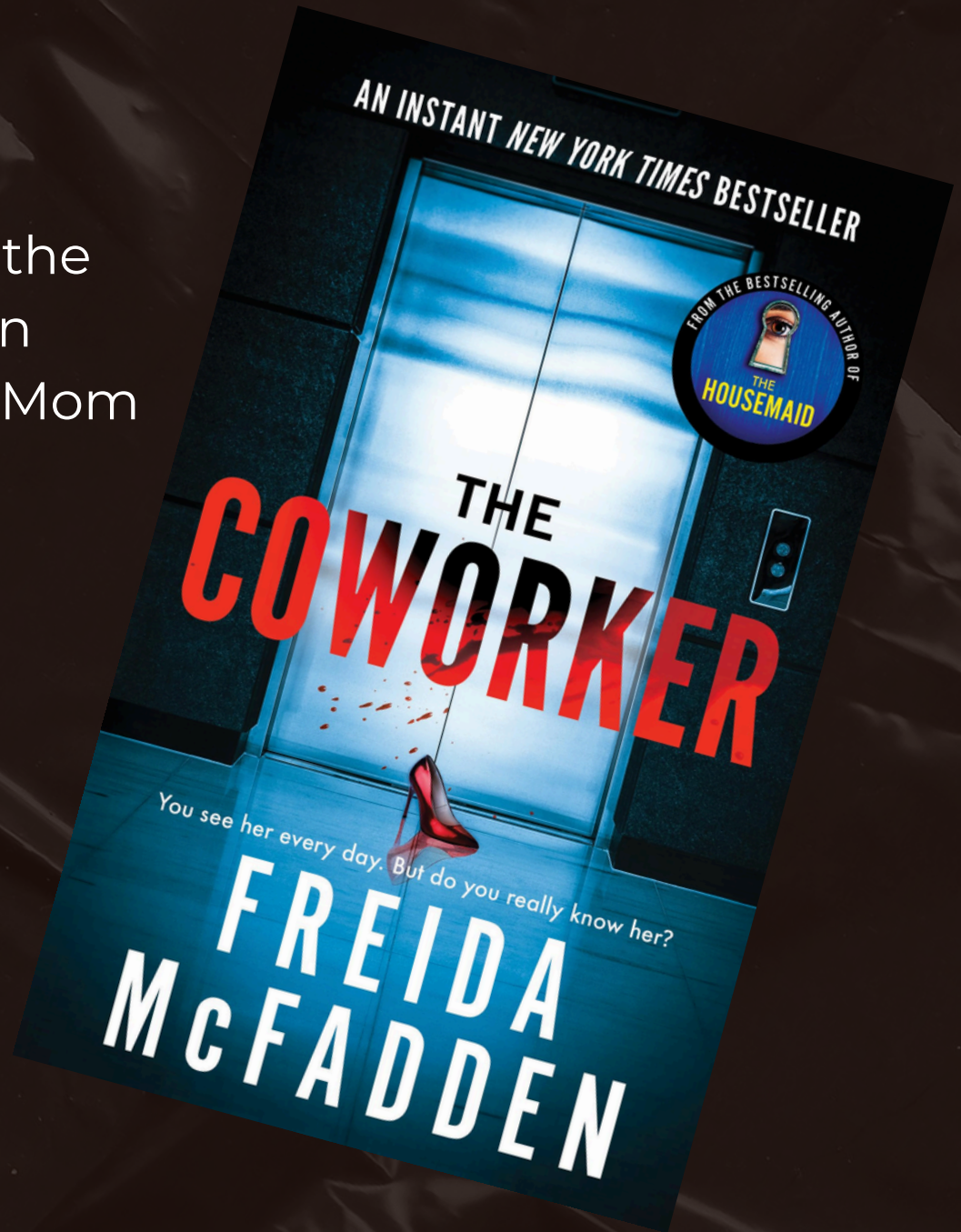




# *Book Review*

## *Heavenly Places*

Check out the  
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My Life As A Mom  
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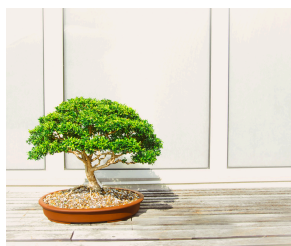




Join me for some crafting lessons. I love to make things in my spare time, as it allows me to express my creativity and unwind from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Crafting offers a wonderful opportunity to explore different materials and techniques, whether it's through knitting, woodworking, painting, or any other form of art that speaks to you. It's a chance to immerse yourself in the process, finding joy in the act of creating something with your own hands.

In these lessons, we'll not only focus on the technical skills needed to bring your ideas to life but also on the importance of infusing your personal style into each project. Crafting is about more than just the final product—it's about the journey, the experimentation, and the satisfaction of making something uniquely yours.

Whether you are a beginner eager to learn the basics or an experienced crafter looking for new inspiration, these sessions will cater to all skill levels. Together, we will explore a variety of projects that you can customize to suit your taste and home decor. So gather your supplies, bring your enthusiasm, and let's embark on this creative adventure together!



# CRAFT WITH ME

It's a beautiful way to blend creativity with emotion, resulting in pieces that hold personal significance and tell a story. Each handmade item becomes a cherished keepsake, a tangible reminder of the love and effort poured into its creation.

In our crafting sessions, we'll explore how to infuse heartwarming sentiments into your projects, transforming everyday materials into extraordinary expressions of affection. Whether you're crafting a gift for a loved one or creating something special for yourself, the process allows you to slow down and savor the moment, making each stitch or brushstroke a celebration of love and creativity.

So, let's gather our tools, let our imaginations run wild, and create beautiful pieces that not only enhance our surroundings but also touch our hearts.



## Craft Made by You

Together, we'll dive into a world of color, texture, and form, discovering innovative ways to bring your creative visions to life. With each lesson, you'll gain confidence in your abilities and uncover the joy of experimentation, all while developing a style that is distinctly yours.

Our sessions are designed to be interactive and engaging, encouraging you to share your ideas and draw inspiration from fellow crafters. We'll explore a range of materials, from traditional to unconventional, and learn how to combine them in unexpected ways to create stunning results.

Whether it's mastering the basics of a new medium or perfecting advanced techniques, you'll find that each project is a stepping stone towards greater artistic expression. So, let's get started on this exciting journey of discovery and creativity. Your masterpiece awaits!



# TOOLS FOR CRAFTING

## My Crafting Tool

Knitting



Cricut Explore 3



Cricut Heat Press

Wood Burning Tool

Candle Making



Cup Turner Tumbler



Sewing Machine

Etch Drill





# DECORATE FOR EASTER

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# 2025 Garden

## *Planning Your Spring Garden*



### **Plan Your Garden**

With the New Year comes fresh plans and a new garden! This month, I'm excited to map out all the plants I intend to cultivate. I enjoy strategizing the layout of my garden, deciding where each plant will thrive and where they won't. Over time, I've discovered which plants grow well together and which do not. Having a clear plan for where everything will be planted ahead of time makes spring planting so much easier. Join me on my journey of planning and planting!

### **Seed Collection**

If you have a seed collection similar to mine, take the time to review it and ensure that none of the seeds are open, sprouting, damp, or moldy. For any seeds exhibiting these issues, seal them properly, dispose of those with mold, or plant any that have started to sprout roots.



### **Get Your Seedlings Ready for Planting**

I prefer to categorize my seedlings into groups such as vegetables, flowers, fruits, and herbs, and then plant them together in sections. To prepare your seedlings for planting, you'll need the following items:

- Soil
- Seedling containers
- Plant food
- Water
- A sunny and warm location



### **Plan Your Garden Layout**

One important lesson I've learned over the years is to carefully determine where to position your plants. Identifying the right spots for your plants is crucial, as each one requires specific amounts of sunlight, water, and nutrients to thrive.





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### Coffee Beans & Grounds

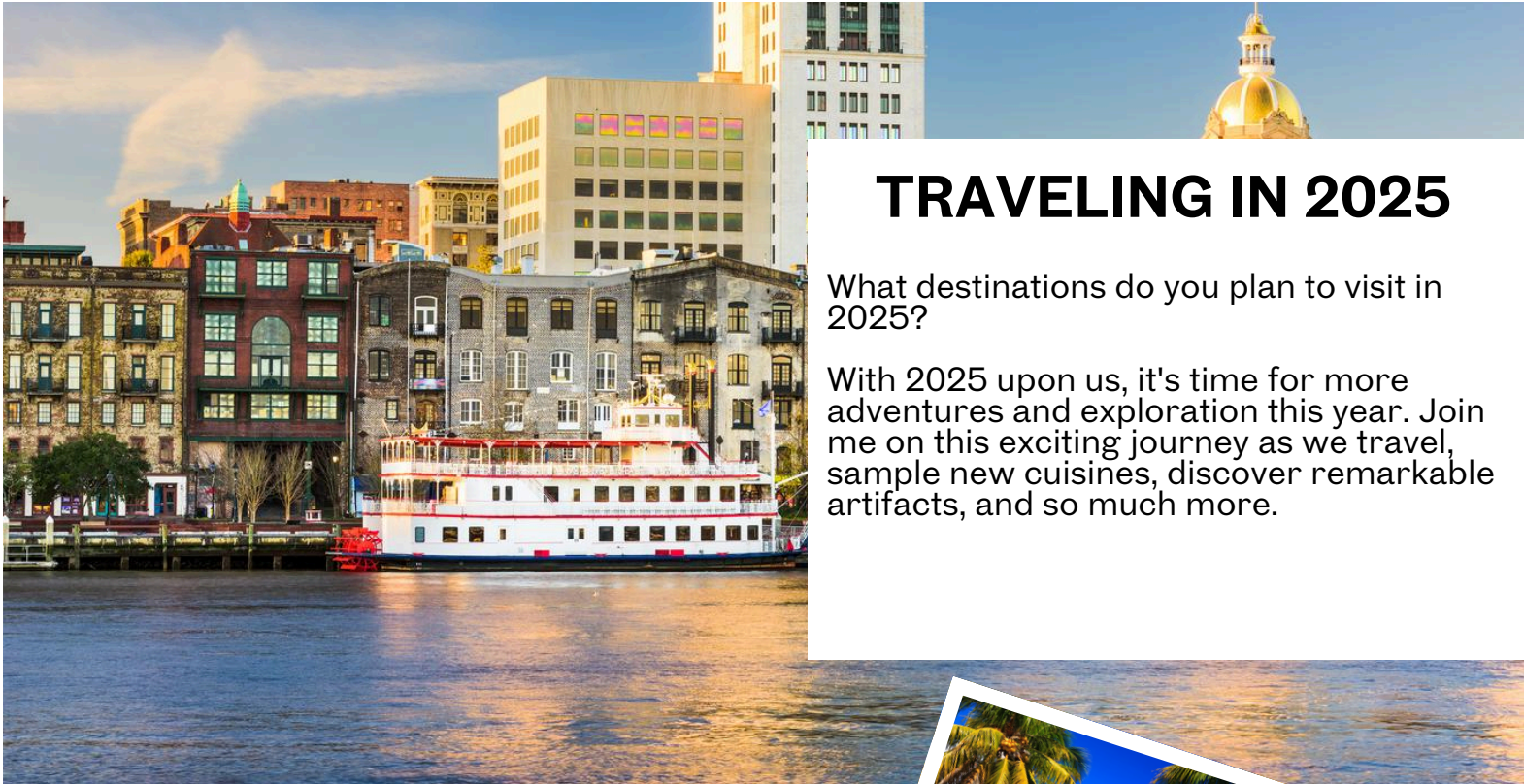
Whether it's whole bean, pre-ground, pods, or capsules, your coffee machine needs coffee as much as you do. Learn more about coffee, and buy coffee beans online with 1st in Coffee. We feature Lavazza and Illy coffee beans for sale, two of the top names in Italian coffee and espresso.



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# VACATION

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## TRAVELING IN 2025

What destinations do you plan to visit in 2025?

With 2025 upon us, it's time for more adventures and exploration this year. Join me on this exciting journey as we travel, sample new cuisines, discover remarkable artifacts, and so much more.

Top travel destinations for 2025 include<sup>12</sup>:

1. Slovenia: Hidden gem of Europe.
2. Egypt: Ancient wonders and Nile cruises.
3. Greece: Mythical history and island escapes.
4. Costa Rica: Biodiversity and eco-adventure.
5. Italy: A tapestry of culture and cuisine.
6. Japan: Tradition meets innovation.
7. India: Diversity of culture and landscapes.
8. Cuba: Caribbean charm and timeless beauty.

Refernece: <https://smartours.com/blog/travel-inspiration/2025-travel-bucket-list/>





# *Dessert of the Month*

## *Banana Pudding*

### Ingredients

- 3 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup of corn starch
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 1/2 cup of sugar
- 6 banana (slices)
- 1 box of vanilla wafers
- 1 tbs. of vanilla extract

### Directions

1. In a saucepan add egg yolks, sugar, and milk together. Stir all of the ingredients together and then put it on the stove on low temp.
2. Stir the ingredients until it comes to a simmer. In another bowl pour your corn starch and a little bit of the pudding mixture and stir it together until the corn starch dissolve (make sure you keep stirring the pudding mixture on the stove so it does not scald). After the corn starch mixture dissolve pour it into the pudding mixture on the stove and stir together. Keep stirring until the mixture becomes thick.
3. When the mixture becomes thick the way you like it cut the stove off and remove the pudding mixture away from the stove and stir in vanilla flavor and put it on a cooling rack to cool down for 5 minutes.
4. After the pudding is cool down get another bowl layer the wafers, banana, and the pudding. Keep layering until you are completely finish.
5. After you finish layering the pudding wrap the pudding with plastic wrap and put it in the fridge for 3 hours (over night is the best).
6. Take it out of the fridge and Served and enjoy!!!





# Recipe of the Month

## *Spinach Dip*

### Ingredients

2 8oz of Cream Cheese  
1 packet of Ranch Season  
1 cup of chopped spinach  
2 tablespoon of butter  
1/4 cup of milk  
Chips (Optional)  
Veggies (Optional)

### Direction

1. Add the butter into the sauce pan with the cream cheese and stir it up until it melts. (5 minutes)
2. Add, the milk into the cream cheese mixture.
3. Next, add the ranch season and stir together.
4. Last, add the spinach into the mixture and stir and cook for 10 minutes.
5. Add chips and Enjoy!!!





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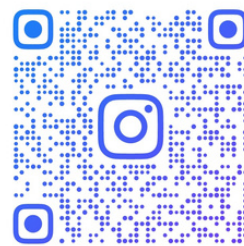
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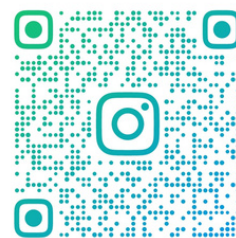
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# MISS AN ISSUE DOWNLOAD TODAY



Spring represents renewal, new beginnings, and bringing everything back to life from its sleepy winter slumber! This time of year, there are natural tendencies to reorganize, clean, and prep for sunny days outside. If spring cleaning is on your to-do list here are a few DIY cleaning recipes with essential oils.





# Mother's Day

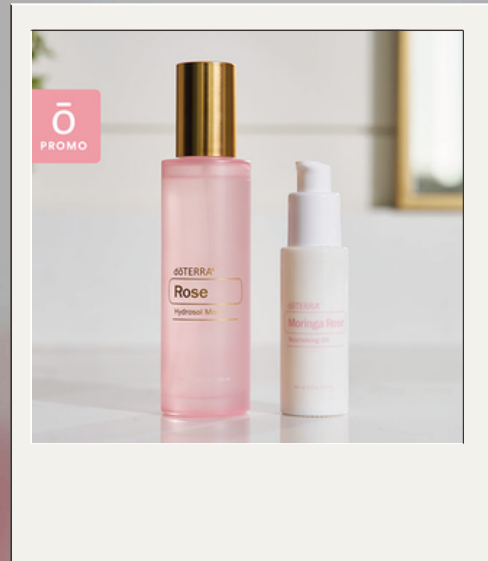


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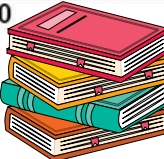

















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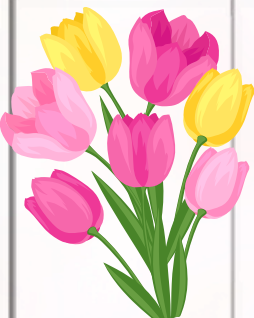




























# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	7 	8	9 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	10  BOOK REVIEW	11  RESTOCK MY GREENHOUSE MATERIALS	12
13  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	14 	15	16 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	17	18	19  SHOP WITH ME FOR NEW SEEDS
20  HAPPY EASTER  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	21 	22	23 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	24  BOOK REVIEW	25	26  MAKE SOME GARDEN SIGNS WITH ME
27  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	28 	29	30 WINE WINE WINESDAY 			



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
4  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	5  Planning 	6	7  WINE WINE WINESDAY	8  BOOK REVIEW	9  GET READY WITH ME FOR SCHOOL	10  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
11  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	12 Planning 	13	14  WINE WINE WINESDAY	15	16	17  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
18  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	19 Planning 	20	21  WINE WINE WINESDAY	22  BOOK REVIEW	23	24  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
25  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	26  Planning 	27	28  WINE WINE WINESDAY	29	30	31  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME



# SUNDAY MOTIVATION



TAKE A  
MOMENT  
TO BREATHE  
AND PRAY



# WEDDING

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## INSPIRATION

Gowns

Make up

Hair Style

and more..





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# COMING SOON MAY DIGEST

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