

# Splendor In the Ordinary

## Action Questions to Consider

### THE ENTRYWAY

- How many entryway points do you have in your home?
- Do you have a front door or main entryway to consider for the purpose of this exercise?
- Stand outside your front door/main entryway and walk inside. Try to look at that entry space (and only the entry space!) with fresh eyes, as if you've never seen it before. If you're stepping into that space do you feel:
  - refreshed?
  - welcomed?
  - comfortable pausing and looking about?
  - in a quick glance are there objects that give you a clue to the family living within?
  - is there a practical place for hat, coat, gloves, bags?
- Do you have an accumulation of things in the entryway that don't belong? Do they live there permanently, or are they just stopping over awaiting transport to their final home somewhere else? If permanent, can you relocate these items out of the entryway? Where do they belong?
  - Exercise: remove anything from the entryway that doesn't belong and invite welcome and pause for your guest. Shop your walls, your home, and see if you can find something to add a touch of beauty that communicates the atmosphere of your home at-a-glance to your guest. You can bin up everything else and set it aside and deal with it a little at a time if needed.
- Are you lacking in a front door entryway that is its own space?
  - Can you arrange your furniture in a way that sets off a small entry space?
  - Could you acquire a small bench or coatrack to serve a practical purpose for the housing of a guest's things, but also to signify a place of entry?
  - Can you place something beautiful in this entry space? Perhaps a piece of art?
- Is there something beautiful in your entryway?
  - Can you shop your home - the walls, other rooms, attic, a relative's attic - for something beautiful for your entryway? (Often, a grandparent is overjoyed to share something to pass along! And beautiful family objects can be the most meaningful!)
- Is courtesy regularly exercised in your home?
  - Can you brainstorm ways to encourage courtesy?
  - Do you model it to your children when you greet strangers at your door?