



Before and After Home Office & A Giveaway

Description



I have been postponing showing you pictures of my new office area for months now because I didn't feel like my pictures did it justice. I've lived in my house for 16 years and it has evolved

many times over those years. We had an open computer desk originally and then bought this huge computer armoire so that everything would be hidden. The only problem is it always felt like a giant in the room in to me and the cabinets were always open showing the mess inside.



The desk was also against a wall and your back was to the opening of the door which is bad feng shui. The desk rarely got used and I longed to have it in the center of the room. I also wanted to start using this space as an actual office where I could work on my blog.

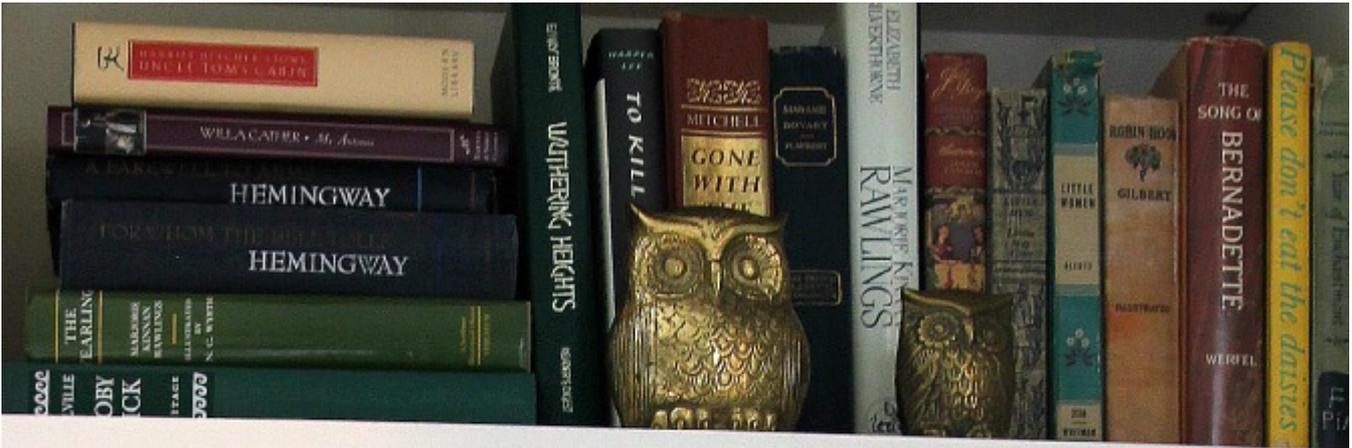


My friend Kyra who also happens to be an interior designer at [KD Interior Design](#) helped me create a new vision for this space. My inspiration piece was this feather pillow from World Market. I love the color palette and I happen to be into feathers right now. She helped me choose the wall color Sherwin Williams Magnetic Grey which really lightens up the room and updates it. Iâ€™ve gotten lots of

compliments on the color and have several friends who decided to use this color in a room. In my office space it really brings out the blue tones.



I also wanted to add some modern elements to my more traditional look. I love an eclectic mix of accessories. I mixed accessories and the way my books are stacked to make my bookshelves look more interesting.





I love gallery walls and Kyra helped me put this gallery wall together which makes a statement when you enter the room. Several of the art prints are from [Minted](#) and the artist Clare Elsaesser on [Etsy](#). If you'd like to know where a specific print is from leave me a comment. The rug and blue chair are from Ikea. I love using rugs in rooms to create warmth and texture. I have a rug in almost every room of my home.



I added two low open bookshelves behind my desk which act as a credenza. The bookshelves are from [Ballard Designs](#). The nice thing about them is they are versatile pieces which can be used in any room. I waited months for the bulletin board above my bookcases to come in from [Pottery Barn Teen](#). The wait was worth it though. I love the gold scalloped frame and I like having a place to pin inspirational quotes and images.

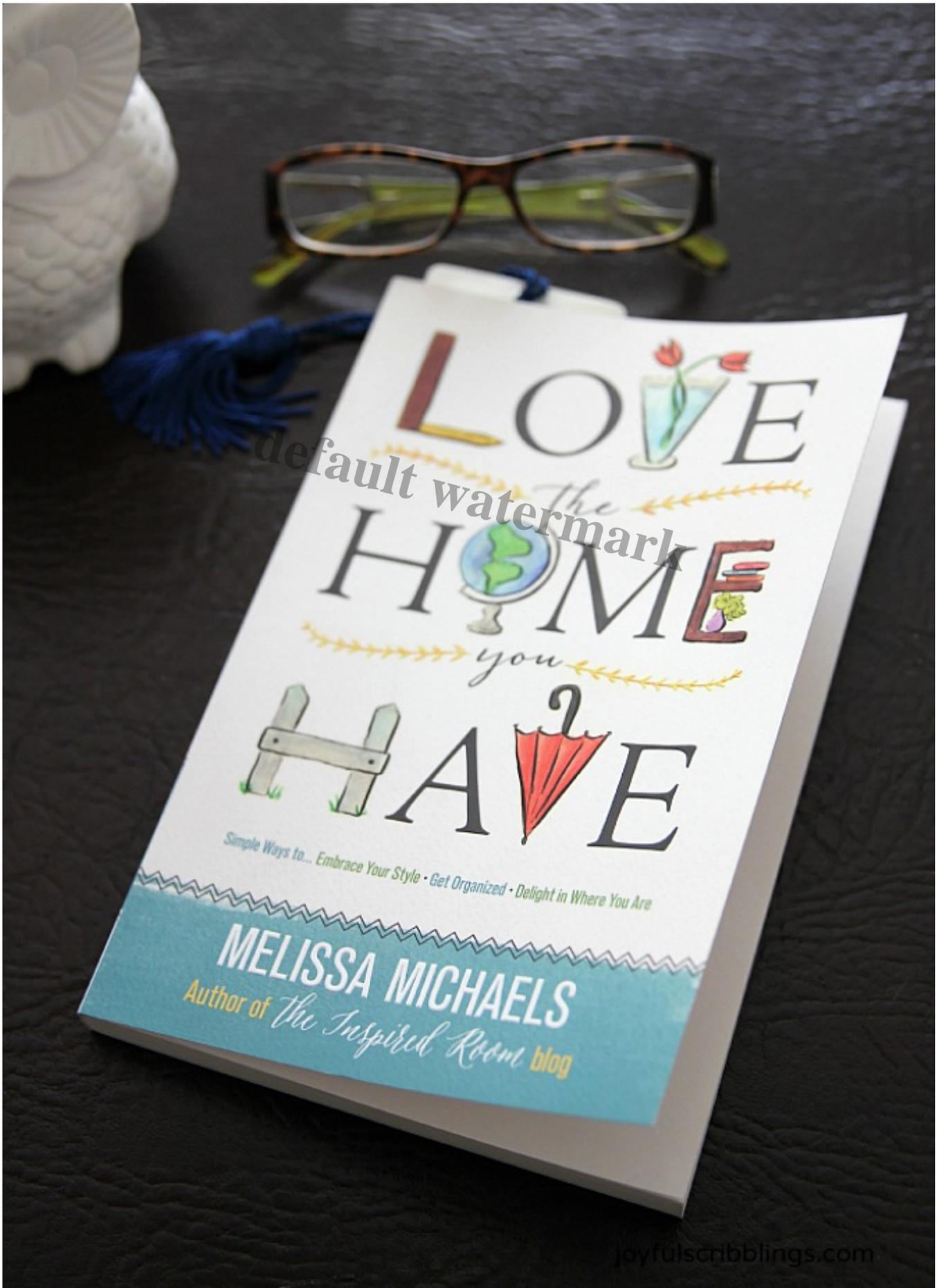


We had these built-in cabinets with a window seat installed shortly after we moved in. I love window seats and it's where my dog likes to sit while I work.



I've been reading a great book by one of my favorite decorating bloggers, Melissa Michaels of [The Inspired Room](#). It's called [Love The Home You Have](#). It's the first of a series of books Melissa will be publishing. This first book isn't your typical decorating book filled with pictures of beautiful homes. [Love The Home You Have](#) is filled with inspiration on how to make the best of your current home situation and love what you have. Melissa shares several of her own home stories and struggles and invites readers to take a 31 day challenge at the end of the book. I'm still reading my copy, but Melissa graciously gave me a copy to share with my readers.

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Please leave a comment on this post if you are interested in having your name in a drawing for the book. Iâ€™m also provided a link to Amazon for the book. Iâ€™m an Amazon affiliate and should you decide to purchase it I make a very small amount. There is no additional charge to you. I will leave the comments open for the drawing until June 7, 1015.

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