

# HOME STYLE

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## Personal space

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**Where I live:** I live in the Chenal Valley area of west Little Rock with my 4-year-old daughter.

**Occupation:** I am a professional speaker and author.

**My favorite space is:** our living room.

**Why?** My living room is a very comfortable, warm, inviting space. It is the space in which I had the most fun furnishing and decorating. As it's the main gathering room of the house, my daughter and I spend quality time reading, playing games, and watching movies, while surrounded by mementos of our family and travels. Whether we are reading, playing or putting together a puzzle, it's a happy room. I enjoy sharing stories of our

family's history with my daughter and pointing out family keepsakes that will one day be hers. One piece in particular is an oil painting I purchased on a trip to Italy several years ago. I ventured over with a cousin to find my grandparents' roots and got to know family members whom I had never met. The painting is a reminder of a wonderful time learning about my ancestors, discovering on a deeper level a culture that influenced both my parents and my brother and me, and creating connections with my extended family that remain strong to this day.

**If I could make one change to improve this space, I would:** Spend more time in it making new memories with my daughter.

-- Libby Smith

