



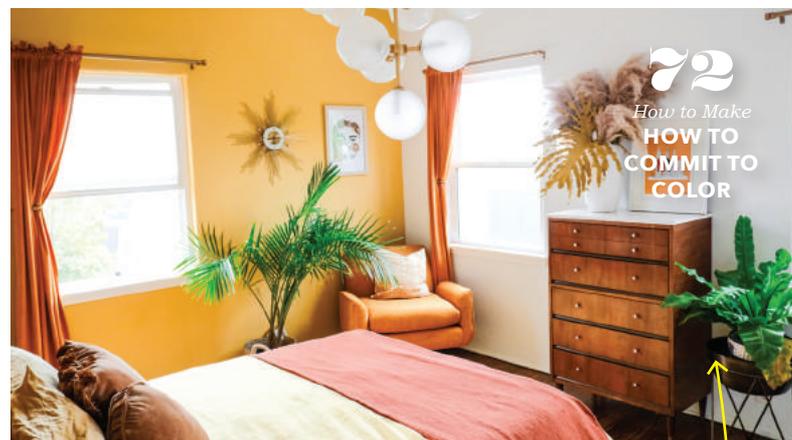
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LOCALE[®] Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Not only does this book mark the beginning of my favorite time of year, but it also marks the 100th issue produced by LOCALE Magazine. As you can imagine, turning 100 is a big deal, so at the turn of this significant milestone, I couldn't help but be reminded of fellow centenarian, my 101-year-old great grandma (whom I call GG).

GG was born in 1918 and has lived through world events that most of us only know of due to our history textbooks. Her family immigrated from Portugal, and lived on and worked a rural farm in California's Central Valley. She grew up in that countryside, fell in love with her high school sweetheart and then raised a family of her own. Two generations later, she helped raise me, and my childhood was full of stories of her spirit and stubbornness (two things she was never short on) as well as her signature pearls of wisdom. So when it came to building this issue, I tried to keep those pearls in mind, and I hope you can find them as important as I do:

1. *"Find what you love to do."* Through these pages, we have found so many different passions to bring to you. From the "visual optimism" that is Leslie Schneider's Instagram page (pg. 70) to tips from **Danielle Nagel** on how to transform your home into something bright and beautiful (pg. 72), this issue is chock-full of artists, creators and business owners who have made a career out of their true callings.

2. *"So long as you're healthy and have your family, that's the main thing."* We hope this issue finds a home inside yours throughout this holiday season; that it's thumbed through by friends and relatives as they cozy-up on your couch, finding all the things they want to try while with you—whether it's the home-style cooking of Coyote Grill's Desirée Gomez (pg. 134), planning a trip together while reading our Hotel Guide (pg. 93) or creating a few Lillet cocktails (pg. 143).

3. *"Just have fun."* There are two people gracing the pages of this issue that sum this up perfectly. The first is Neal Hruby, creator of Date the City, who ventured to La Quinta with his gorgeous girlfriend Shaelee Hansen and planned a fun-filled, day-long date in the charming town (pg. 115). The second is Cover Star Kira Kosarin (pg. 74), whom I had the pleasure of interviewing. Meeting her in-person was nothing short of a good time, and her humble and hard-working attitude still resonates with me to this day.

So to those of you reading this, I hope that both GG and this issue leave you feeling inspired, especially in this season of reflection and upcoming change. I hope that you find your passions, and I hope that as you're surrounded by the ones you love, you'll cherish the health and time that you share. But most importantly, don't forget to have fun. After all, "that's the main thing." ■

Happy Reading,



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