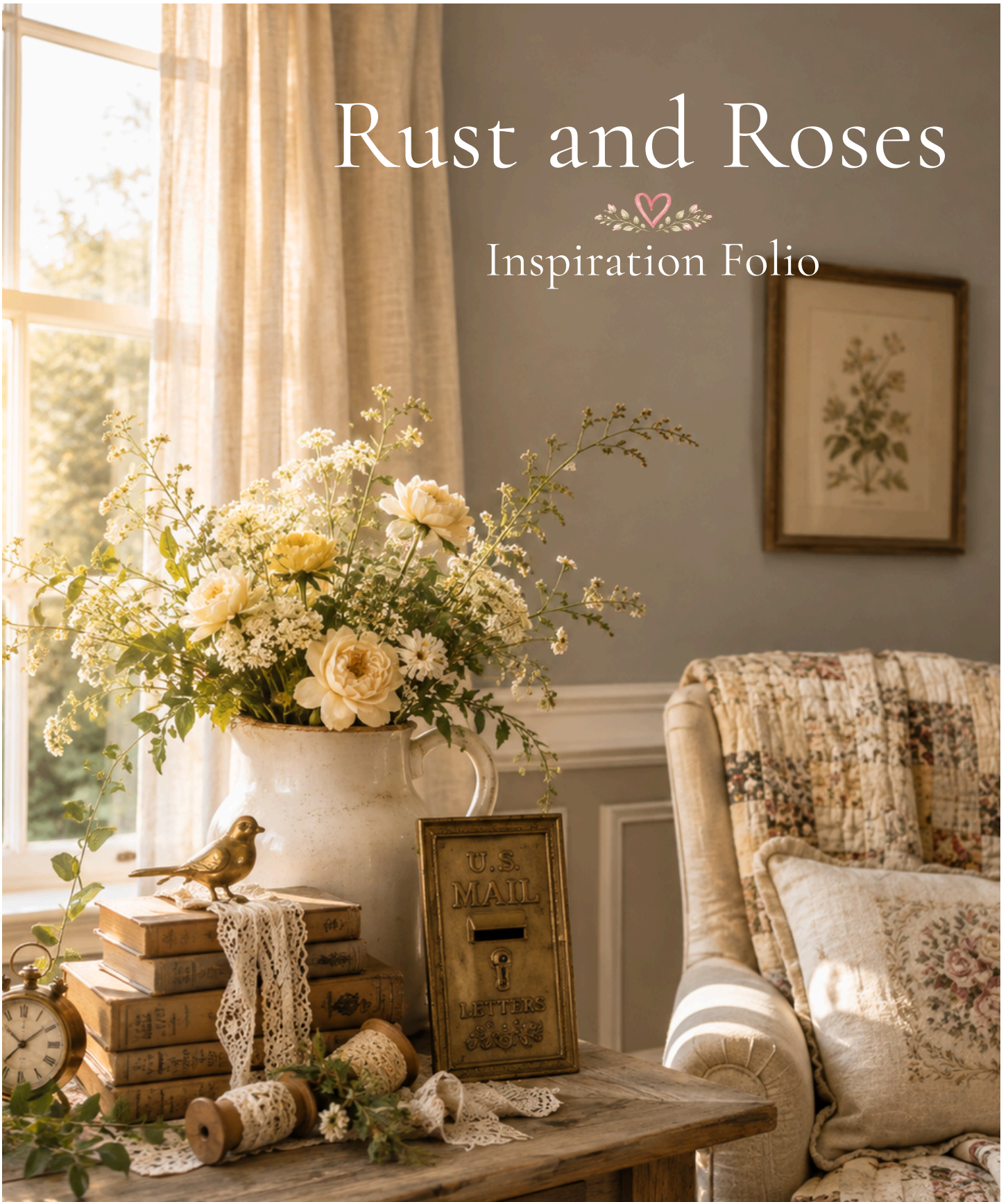


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*In this volume, I'll share the ten principles that
have shaped my decorating philosophy and helped
me create a home I truly love.*



Beautiful homes begin with what you love.

Dear friend,

Welcome to the Rust and Roses community. I'm so glad you're here.

Thank you for taking a few moments to enjoy the very first volume of the Rust and Roses Inspiration Folio.

It's fitting that Volume One is about creating a home you'll love because that's the heart of my decorating philosophy. I believe the treasures you choose—and the way you display them—should bring you joy every time you walk into the room. Your home should tell your story, surround you with things you truly love, and make you smile every single day.

As you read through these pages, I hope you'll look at your own spaces a little differently. Maybe you'll rediscover a favorite treasure, rethink a corner that isn't quite working, or simply find a fresh idea that inspires you to create a space that feels even more like home.



This little folio is my gift to you, and it's a joy to share it with you. If these pages inspire you, I'd love to have you visit Rust and Roses again for more decorating inspiration, vintage treasures, blog articles, and future volumes of the Inspiration Folio.

And remember...

There's really only one rule of decorating: If it makes you smile, you're doing it right.

Happy Joy Finding,

Angie

*Owner and Curator
Rust and Roses Home Decor*

1

Start with What You Love



Your home should be filled with things you love because those are the things that bring joy every single day.



One of the biggest decorating mistakes people make is trying to decorate for someone else.

We buy what's trendy.

We copy magazine rooms.

We wonder whether something is "in style."

But the homes that feel the warmest aren't built around trends. They're built around the things the homeowner genuinely loves.

When you surround yourself with things that make you smile, your home begins telling your story instead of someone else's.

Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Identify what you love.

- Walk through your home and gather ten things that instantly make you smile.
- Don't worry whether they match.
- Just notice what they have in common.
- You'll begin discovering your decorating style without taking a single online quiz.

2

Create One Cozy Corner

You don't have to redecorate your entire home to make it feel warm and welcoming.

Choose a spot that naturally catches your eye—like a forgotten corner—and build from there. Layer pieces you love rather than trying to fill every inch.

The goal isn't perfection. The goal is to create a place that feels comfortable, collected, and unmistakably yours.

Sometimes the smallest spaces become the ones you love the most.

Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Create a cozy area.

- Choose one corner or area in your home that feels overlooked.
- Gather five items you already own:
 1. Something with height
 2. Something with texture
 3. Something natural
 4. Something vintage or meaningful
 5. Something that simply makes you smile
- Arrange them until the space feels warm and inviting. Sometimes all a room needs is one corner that makes you pause and smile.



Creating a home you love doesn't happen all at once. It happens one cozy corner at a time.



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Tell Your Story Through Your Home



The most beautiful homes aren't decorated to impress others—they're filled with stories that make the people who live there smile.



The most memorable homes aren't filled with expensive things. They're filled with meaningful things.

These are the pieces that make guests stop and ask, "What's the story behind that?"

When you decorate with items that carry memories, your home becomes more than beautiful. It becomes personal. You don't have to explain every piece. Your home quietly tells your story for you.

Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Add one meaningful piece to a room.

- Walk through your home and choose one item that has a story.
- Ask yourself:

1. Who gave it to me?

2. Where did I find it?

3. Why have I kept it?

- Move that piece to a place where you'll see it every day instead of hiding it away.

Sometimes the most meaningful decorations are the ones we stopped noticing.

4

Bring Nature Indoors

Nature has a way of making a room feel welcoming.

Natural elements soften hard surfaces, add texture, and bring life to vintage treasures.

You don't need elaborate arrangements or expensive florals.

Sometimes the simplest stems are the most beautiful because they remind us to appreciate the season we're in.



Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Bring one natural element into a room that feels a little flat. Look around your yard or neighborhood, or stop by the grocery store.

Add one of these:

- Fresh flowers
- Greenery
- Tree branches
- Dried flowers
- Pinecones
- Moss

Place it in something unexpected—a creamer, crock, old pitcher, mason jar, or vintage basket.

Notice how just one natural touch changes the mood of the room.

Every room feels a little warmer when you invite a bit of nature inside.



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Layer Your Home for Warmth



A home doesn't feel warm because it's full—it feels warm because it's thoughtfully layered.



The coziest homes aren't created by filling every empty space. They're created by layering textures, natural materials, and meaningful pieces that invite you to linger.

Wood, ironstone, wicker, brass, greenery, and soft fabrics all work together to make a room feel warm and lived in.

Add pieces you love one at a time, and your home will naturally become richer, more interesting, and uniquely yours.

Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Look around your home and choose one of these:

- Fold a throw across a chair or basket.
- Stack two or three favorite books.
- Add a small wooden bowl or tray.
- Place a woven basket on the floor.
- Tuck a piece of greenery into a pitcher or crock.
- Add a folded quilt where you'll see it every day.

*When you're finished, step back and ask yourself:
Does this room feel a little more welcoming than it did before?
Sometimes one thoughtful layer is all it takes.*

6

Display Your Collections with Purpose

Collections tell a story—but only when each piece has room to be appreciated. Resist the temptation to display everything at once.

Instead, group similar pieces together, vary their heights, and give each piece room to breathe.

Rotating your collections throughout the year keeps your home feeling fresh and helps you appreciate each treasure all over again.

Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Create a display that lets every treasure have its moment.
Choose one collection in your home.

Then:

- Remove everything from the display.
 - Select only 3–7 favorite pieces to begin.
 - Vary the height of the items.
 - Leave a little open space between them.
 - Add one natural element, like greenery or flowers.
- Sometimes displaying less helps you enjoy your collection more.



*A collection becomes beautiful
when every piece has the chance
to be noticed.*



7

Blend Old and New



The most beautiful rooms aren't built in one shopping trip—they're collected one meaningful piece at a time.



Some of the most welcoming homes blend treasured vintage finds with the comforts of everyday living.

When old and new live together, a room feels collected instead of decorated.

Don't worry about everything matching. Instead, look for pieces that share the same feeling—warmth, simplicity, history, or joy.

Those are the things that quietly tie a room together.

Joy Finding Moment...

*Goal: Blend one vintage treasure into your everyday décor.
Walk through your home and choose one older piece you love.*

Maybe it's:

- an old crock
- a vintage clock
- Grandma's pitcher
- a stack of worn books
- an old quilt
- a brass candlestick

Instead of placing it with other antiques, pair it with something modern you already use every day. Step back and notice how the contrast allows both pieces to shine.

8

Make Room for Joy

Every room deserves one thing that makes you smile the moment you see it.

Not everything in your home has to serve a purpose.

Some treasures exist simply because they make you happy.

Those are often the pieces people remember most. When you decorate with joy instead of obligation, your home begins to reflect who you are instead of what someone else says it should be.



Joy Finding Moment...

Goal: Find one treasure that always makes you smile. Then give it a place where you'll see it often.

It might be:

- A favorite bunny or bird
- A vintage toy
- A special photograph
- A tiny brass figurine
- A flower you picked today
- A souvenir from a memorable trip

Don't tuck it away because it doesn't "match."

The happiest homes are filled with little things that make someone smile every single day.



Decorate with the Seasons



When your home changes with the seasons, it reminds you to enjoy each one a little longer.



Your home doesn't need a complete makeover every few months to feel fresh.

Sometimes the smallest seasonal touches make the biggest difference.

A pitcher of daffodils in the spring. Pinecones, evergreen clippings, or a favorite quilt during the colder months.

Most of your decorating can stay exactly the same all year. Simply let nature and the changing seasons add a little variety to the home you've already created.

Joy Finding Moment...

*Goal: Celebrate the season you're in.
Choose one room and add a simple seasonal touch.*

Ideas include:

- Fresh flowers from the grocery store.
- A basket filled with pumpkins or gourds.
- Seashells collected from a favorite trip.
- A cozy quilt folded over a chair.
- A seasonal candle in your favorite vintage holder.

*You don't need to redecorate your home.
Sometimes one thoughtful change is enough to make the season feel special.*

10

Love the Home You're Creating

The home you love isn't finished in a day, a month, or even a year.

The homes we admire most have been collected slowly, and they reflect the lives of the people who live there.

Don't rush the process. Celebrate the pieces you've already found and enjoy the hunt for those still waiting to be discovered.

Creating a home you love isn't about reaching a destination. It's about enjoying the journey.



Your Joy Finding Journey



I will choose joy over perfection
and enjoy creating a home that
reflects my story.

*The most beautiful homes are
never truly finished—they
simply keep collecting memories.*





One Last Thought...

*A home you love isn't created in a weekend.
It's built one meaningful treasure, one cozy
corner, and one joyful moment at a time.*



Thank you for spending a little time with me.

*I hope these pages encourage you to look at
your home—and the treasures already inside
it—with fresh eyes.*

Until next time...

Happy Joy Finding!

Angie