



I find that my biggest challenge creatively has been maintaining momentum. Social media can be so inspiring and fun but also very daunting when you're busy with orders, daily life, and everything else. Remembering to take the time to engage the following that has been so supportive all these years is something I try to remind myself of daily. I haven't quite figured out the secret to that yet, but it's my work in progress. I have also never enjoyed routine, as I have found that trying to keep myself to a strict schedule has stifled me creatively at times. Finding the balance between ensuring I am clocking enough hours for success while maintaining the freedom I worked hard for is something that took a bit of figuring out. My biggest goal in doing this full time was to have the ability to live life on my terms, and I am so very grateful to have that chance.

It is so easy to become complacent with wherever we reside because we see it all the time, but if you can keep your eyes wide open you will find so much beauty in your own backyard. If you aren't where you want to be and find yourself too focused on what you don't have, then you will be unable to succeed. It's important to take time each day to reflect on your dream and then make tiny moves in that direction every day. Time passes faster than you think, and those little moves will add up so quickly, allowing everything to eventually fall into place. I began this journey almost seven years ago but it feels like yesterday. >



My outdoor studio is a beautiful greenhouse. I do think the most beautiful thing you can do for someone is support their dream, and I have my husband, Patrick, to thank for that. This greenhouse feels like a love letter that he built, and I'm not sure how to put into words what it has meant to me. We have big dreams but a shoestring budget, so our biggest challenge was remaining patient. It took a while before we thoughtfully gathered everything needed to build it. We used a collection of old windows, some from this house, as well as the original door of the house, which feels so special. Altogether the project cost us \$250. I am a firm believer that with patience and a little creative recycling, it is surprising what can be accomplished. This season I grew hundreds of flower and vegetable seedlings in there, and every morning when the weather is nice, we have coffee inside.