

NEW YEAR'S













2pm Welcome

Yoga + **Meditation**

Reflect

Break

Design

Takeaways + Next Steps

5pm Closing

*Subject to change.



"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been." — Rilke

I'm so delighted that you're joining me for the **New Year's Virtual Retreat on Friday, January 1 at 2-5pm ET!**

Our day includes: savoring an all-level yoga and meditation practice, spending time in contemplation and community, reflecting on 2020, designing 2021 (including an inspiration board to bring your dreams to life), and writing an action plan.

To prepare, please:

- 1. **Print and read** through this Guidebook.
- 2. **Familiarize yourself** with **Zoom** and our <u>private page</u>.
- 3. Complete pp. 7 and 8.
- 4. **Set your intention** and share it in our <u>private Facebook</u> <u>group</u>.
- 5. Gather your tools and set the stage (see p. 4)
- 6. Pull images and words that resonate from magazines.

Throughout our gathering, you'll have the chance to share and ask questions in the chat box.

I can't wait to launch 2021 with you!



P.S. If you miss any of the live event, it's being recorded and will be available on your private page within 48 hours.



Retreat Tips

"What we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from." -T. S. Eliot

To prepare for our retreat, these tips help guide your experience.

BRING A BEGINNER'S MIND. There's a Zen saying that "in the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's mind there are few." I encourage you to approach this experience with a sense of playfulness, openness, and curiosity. There is no one way to do any of the practices or to participate. Make this retreat your own and I'll be your gentle guide.

GATHER YOUR TOOLS. Creature comforts: cozy clothing, lavender oil, a scarf, rosewater spray, lip balm, flowers, candles, twinkle lights. Creativity supplies: journal/sketchbook, writing tools, a glue stick, scissors, and a black Sharpie. *Optional:* two small bottles of acrylic paint in your favorite colors, old credit card or hotel key card "paintbrush," stamps/stamp pads, colored pencils, washi tape, any additional favorite tools. Ephemera: bits of paper such images from magazines, scrap paper, postcards, tissue paper. Tech: a computer or smartphone with internet access. Yoga and meditation: sticky mat and meditation cushion or chair.

SHOW UP. Bookmark <u>your private page</u>. Clear your calendar to join the full experience. Remove distractions, close browsers, and toggle "Do Not Disturb" on your phone to help you drop into the retreat. Tune in to Zoom a few minutes before 2pm ET.

SET THE STAGE. Wear something comfy that stretches and you feel good in. Spritz perfume. Sip green juice and a cuppa tea. Moisturize. Get a good night's sleep. Eat a nourishing meal. Have your tools within reach. Light a candle to signify the start of each session. Make your retreat set up inviting.

CONNECT. Say hello in <u>our private Facebook group</u>. Share photos of your set up and throughout the retreat using #tranquilitydujour. Ask questions, share takeaways, and offer support in the chat box.

TDJ Tenets

Tranquility du Jour is your guide to infusing tranquility and beauty into your every day. We started as a yoga studio in 1999 and have grown into a like-hearted global community on a path to live and spread tranquility. Below are the five principles of living the Tranquility du Jour lifestyle.

Compassion: We seek to alleviate the suffering of all beings through our daily choices. Sustainability is a priority and we actively reduce our impact on the planet. We treat others as we want to be treated and know that compassion starts from within. We stand for social justice and meaningful change.

Creativity: We connect with our artistic side and let it shine through our everyday actions. We see most activities as a way to express our creativity and refill our creative well regularly through reading, taking classes, and playing. How we show up is our art and each day is a fresh canvas.

Style: We know that how we present ourselves affects how we feel and tells a story. We choose a signature style that is personal and reflects who we are. Our personal and professional spaces are designed to nourish our spirits. We are moved by the arts, flowers, and simple pleasures.

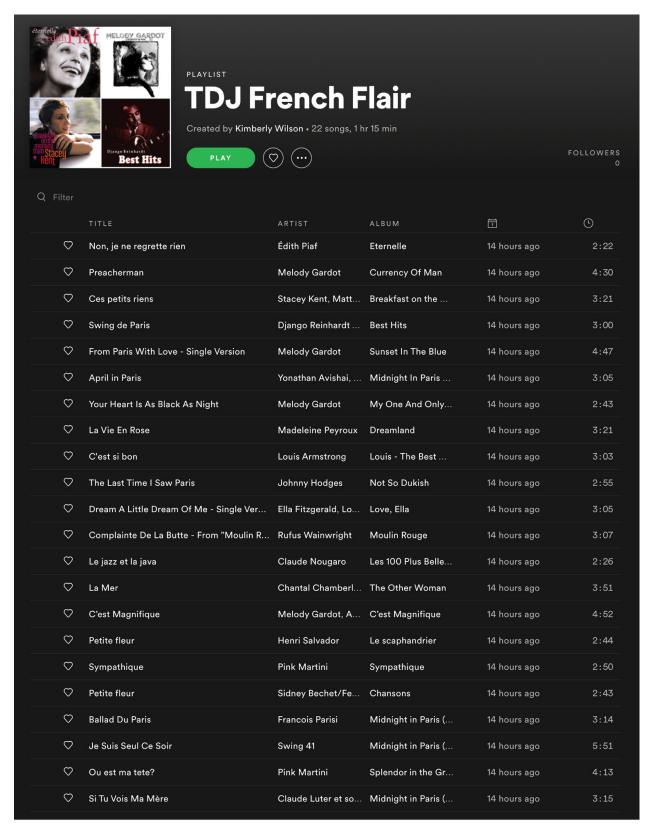
Mindfulness: We bring awareness to our thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations throughout the day and prioritize practices such as yoga and meditation. When we notice ourselves ruminating about a past situation or fretting about a future one, we gently guide ourselves back to the present moment.

Wellness: We choose self-care though gratitude, reflection, whole foods, meaningful work, and exercise. Our support system is held with healthy boundaries and clear communication. As lifelong learners, we seek self-awareness and set SMART goals to help achieve our dreams.





Playlist





Intention Setting

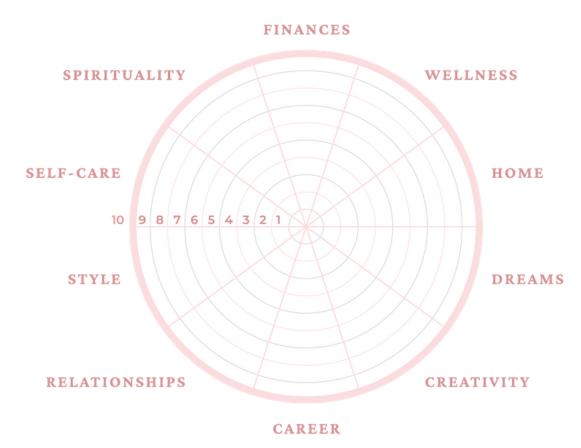
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How will I know if I've met this intention?
What do I want to experience in 2021?

How do I want to feel at the end of 2021?



Seasonal Guide

Seasonally reflect on areas of your life. Rate each one with your level of satisfaction 10 = bliss, 5 = so-so, o = boo.



SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timebound) action steps to increase areas that are lower than I'd like:

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Seasonal Tranquility Tools

__ Seasonal Life Review __ Deep Clean __ Practice Essentialism __ Bed Day
__ Try Something New __ Rearrange __ Tend Your Garden __ Get Cultured



Burning the Old Year

by Naomi Shihab Nye

Letters swallow themselves in seconds. Notes friends tied to the doorknob, transparent scarlet paper, sizzle like moth wings, marry the air.

So much of any year is flammable, lists of vegetables, partial poems. Orange swirling flame of days, so little is a stone.

Where there was something and suddenly isn't, an absence shouts, celebrates, leaves a space. I begin again with the smallest numbers.

Quick dance, shuffle of losses and leaves, only the things I didn't do crackle after the blazing dies.



"With every breath, the old moment is lost; a new moment arrives. We exhale and we let go of the old moment. It is lost to us. In doing so, we let go of the person we used to be. We inhale and breathe in the moment that is becoming. In doing so, we welcome the person we are becoming. We repeat the process. This is meditation. This is renewal. This is life."

—Lama Surya

Without getting all fancy on you, I'm encouraging the exploration of a basic three-part breath (dirgha pranayama). Our breath serves as a tool for coming into the present moment and eases stress, calms the nervous system, increases focus, and increases oxygen to the blood.

And the best part, we always have it with us. No need to roll out a yoga mat or put on stretchy clothing.

Begin by finding a comfortable seat and breathe naturally for a few moments.

Next, draw the breath in through your nose and fill your belly, ribs, and chest with air. Then exhale and release your chest, ribs, and belly.

If you can't quite feel one of these parts (often the belly), place your hand there and try to move it with your breath. That's the best way to find those tricky parts.

Continue this breath for a few minutes.

No one has to know you're doing this. If you're dealing with a delayed flight, a tough conference call, a crying baby, or barking dog, this is a great go-to. Try this practice (the fourth limb of yoga) throughout the week a few times a day and watch your body and mind soften. Notice your breath.

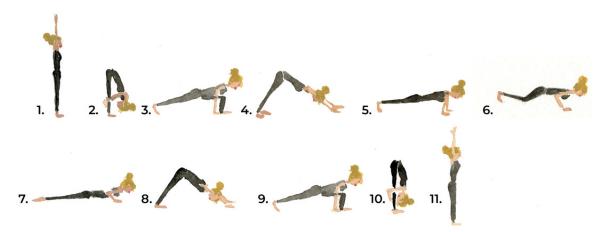
Yoga

WHAT IS YOGA? The word yoga comes from Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language. It is a derivation of the word *yuj*, which means to yoke. In contemporary practice, this is often interpreted as union of the mind, body, and spirit.

WHY IS IT BENEFICIAL? Yoga is known to improve flexibility, build strength, quiet the mind, increase muscle tone, improve balance, support joint health, teach better breathing, increase self-confidence, and reduce stress.

HOW TO DO IT: Put on comfy clothing that stretches, light a candle, and roll out your yoga mat. Move slowly and intentionally. Listen to your body and avoid stretching beyond its limits. If something doesn't feel good, pause and modify. Try this sun salutation:

- 1. Come to mountain pose at the top of the mat. Feel your feet grounded firmly. Set an intention. Inhale, reach your arms to the sky.
- 2. Exhale, trace the midline of your body through prayer position and into a forward fold.
- 3. Inhale, step back with your right leg to a lunge.
- 4. Exhale, step back with your left leg to downward-facing dog (an inverted "V").
- 5. Inhale, float forward to plank pose. Align your shoulders over your wrists and wiggle your feet back so your heels are over the balls of your feet. If this is too much on your wrists, drop your knees.
- 6. Exhale, drop your knees, bend your arms to a 90-degree angle, hug your elbows into your body, and lower down so that your shoulders and hips are in a straight line for half-chaturanga.
- 7. Inhale, uncurl your toes, drop your belly, lift your heart center, and slide into cobra. Relax your shoulders from your ears.
- 8. Exhale, curl your toes under, and lift your hips up and back into downward-facing dog.
- 9. Inhale, step forward with your right foot.
- 10. Exhale, step your left foot between both hands to a forward fold.
- 11. Inhale, trace your midline to the sky. Exhale, place your hands to prayer position in front of your heart. Repeat on the opposite side (step back with the left leg).





Mindfulness

"You are the sky. Everything else—it's just weather."

—Pema Chödrön

WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?

Jon Kabat-Zinn defines mindfulness as "paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally." Instead of going down the rabbit hole with our thoughts (usually about the past or future), we make a conscious effort to catch ourselves and bring awareness back to the present moment. Mindfulness is the process of deep awareness and accepting each experience, sensation, thought, or feeling, just as it is, without trying to change it.

WHY IS IT BENEFICIAL?

Benefits of mindfulness include an increase in acceptance, compassion, concentration, and self-control, along with a decrease in stress (to name a few). Neuroscientists have found that after just 11 hours of meditation, practitioners had structural changes in the part of the brain involved in monitoring focus and self-control.

10-MINUTE SEATED MEDITATION

Come to a comfortable seated position. Close your eyes and pay attention to your breath, body, thoughts, and emotions. As your mind wanders, bring it back to the breath to build concentration, observe your emotions, and notice physical sensations like clenching of the jaw. You will get distracted repeatedly and it doesn't mean you're doing it wrong. The act of noticing you're distracted and returning to your breath IS the practice of meditation.

WALKING MEDITATION

Instead of getting from point A to point B, the point of walking meditation is to arrive in the present moment of each step. Notice the movement of each foot as you lift it, move it forward, and place it back down with each step. Lift, shift, place. Walk back and forth in a line at home or wander on a large lawn. Practice for five to 10 minutes.



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Mid-Retreat Reflection



Year's Dreams



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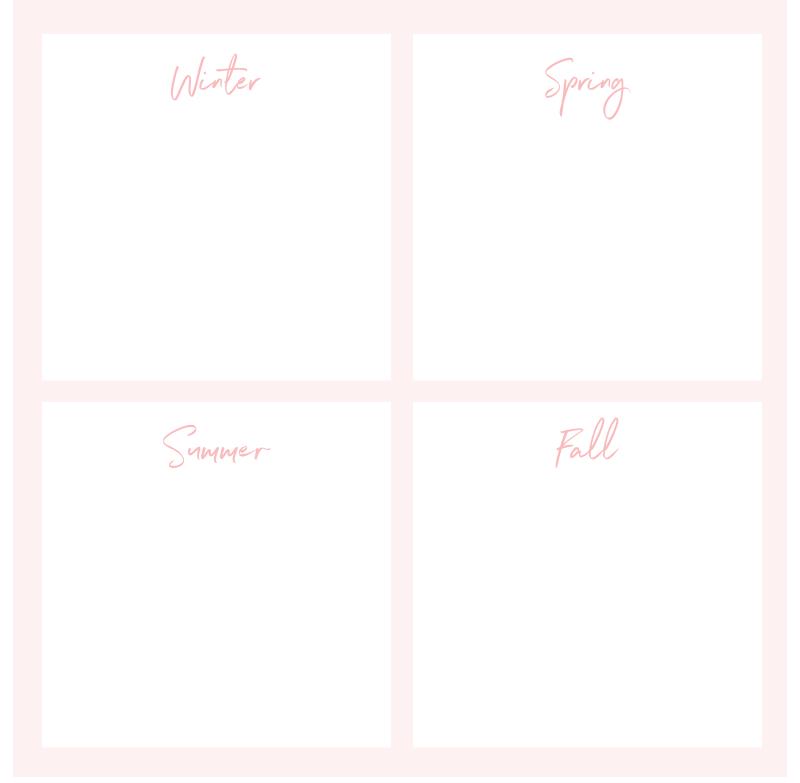


Year's Layout



Seasonal Aspirations

Add your seasonal wishes inside each box.





Lists

10 Books

to read this year

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10 Things

to try this year

10 Artist Dates

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Artist Dates

Julia Cameron, author of the life-changing book *The Artist's Way*, coined Artist Dates—a one-hour weekly solo excursion to nurture your creative spark. It's about taking your inner artist out on a date to give the mind an opportunity to rest, play, and uncover ideas that may not show up in daily life.

I've been an avid fan of the idea for nearly two decades and strive to include it in my weekly routine either spontaneously as I pass a bookstore, or planned by signing up for a calligraphy workshop.

Here are some ideas on crafting your own:

- Art journal
- Virtually visit museums and national parks
- Create a vision board (Pinterest or scissors & glue)
- Set up a creative space
- Pull together a creative to-go kit
- Learn origami
- Try a different type of movement class
- Read a classic
- Set up an altar
- Make jewelry
- Virtually visit the Paris Opera house
- Play in a coloring book
- · Knit or crochet a scarf
- · Bake a cake
- Go through that pile of magazines (pull images for art journaling)
- Write a poem
- Watch a creative documentary (Iris, Dior & I, Bill Cunningham NY, A Ballerina's Tale, Diana Vreeland, The September Issue, The Creative Brain, The Gospel According to André)
- Pen snail mail love notes
- Try on your clothing and create new outfits
- Take an online class
- Do a puzzle
- Create DIY bath products
- Try a new recipe
- Write a bucket list
- Make a playlist







Art journaling (also known as sketchbooking and visual journaling) is the creative process of combining color, words, and images onto a page. This is a fun practice done solo or with a group of friends. No prior experience is needed, so it's great for beginners. Consider making a virtual event out of it and experience the magic of creating in community. Host a show and tell at the end.

It differs from scrapbooking in that it's about the process, not the outcome AND about ideas, not just memories. And the best part? It's good for you. According to an article by Cathy Malchiodi in Psychology Today, studies show that regular art journaling increases the flow of serotonin to the brain and increases the number of immune cells flowing through the body. Let's get started!

- 1. Gather your art journaling tools: a journal, black Sharpie or permanent black artist pen, glue stick, ephemera (bits of paper with words and/or images from magazines, etc.). Optional: acrylic or watercolor paint, paintbrushes (or use an expired credit card to paint), paper towels, colored pencils, pencil, washi tape, scissors, stamps, stamp pads, wax paper (to place between freshly painted pages as they dry).
- 2. Make a background with paint, with a big image, by rubbing a stamp pad over it, or with colored pencils to avoid starting on a blank page.
- 3. Add images and words from your ephemera into a collage aligned with a theme that resonates.
- 4. Add words by writing over the images.

Gather your supplies and design a page that represents creativity to you. Remember, this is all about letting your creative spark emerge. There's no right way or wrong way to do this. Promise!

IDEAS:

- Create a color-themed page or spread using images and words in this favorite color (pink anyone?!).
- Design a page or spread using images and words that bring your Affirmative Writing to life.
- Make a background using a stamp pad by either running it down the page or stamping it throughout the page.
- Cull images and words that speak to your idealized version of creative expression.
- Create a page or spread that highlights what you look forward to while slowing down this fall.
- Choose an item from Everyday Tranquility or 30
 Days of Tranquility that resonates and design a
 page or spread that represents it.



Letter To Your Future Self

Picture yourself on January 1, 2022 having accomplished or having taken steps toward accomplishing your Year's Dreams. How do you feel? Where are you? What are you doing? What are you eating? Who are you with? What are you wearing?

Pen yourself a letter to open at the end of the year and write it in the present tense. For example, "I'm so glad you made self-care a priority this year. You are now sleeping through the night, eating more whole foods, and doing yoga three times a week." Keep going. Bring those action steps from the Seasonal Life Review alive here and dream about how life will look once you make yourself and your goals a priority.



BELIEVE IN HANDWRITTEN NOTES SEALED TAPE. I BELIEVE IN EQUALITY FOR ALL. I BELIEVE IN USING OUR FANCIEST AT EVERY MEAL. I BELIEVE ANIMALS ARE TO BE LOVED AND PROTECTED. I BELIEVE IN THE HEALING POWER OF BUBBLE BATHS. GREEN TEA, AND PEONIES. I BELIEVE WE'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO BE BALLERINAS OR WEAR A TUTU. I BELIEVE PARIS IS A DELIGHT TO THE SENSES. I BELIEVE IN STARGAZING AND OBSERVING THE MOON'S PHASES. I BELIEVE THAT COMPASSION IS THE NEW BLACK I BELIEVE IN EATING PLANTS. I BELIEVE IN LIVING LIFE FULL OUT. I BELIEVE NATURE HEALS. I BELIEVE THAT YOGA AND MINDFULNESS ARE TOOLS FOR DISCOVERY. I BELIEVE WOMEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. I BELIEVE PILES OF BOOKS SPARK JOY. I BELIEVE IN THE EASE OF A CAPSULE WARDROBE. I BELIEVE IN LIGHTING CANDLES EVERY DAY, I BELIEVE IN COMBINING WORDS AND COLLAGE TO CAPTURE DREAMS, I BELIEVE IN TWINKLE LIGHTS YEAR-ROUND, I BELIEVE IN SEEKING BALANCE BETWEEN DOING AND BEING, I BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, I BELIEVE IN HAPPINESS AND FREEDOM FOR ALL BEINGS. I BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE, I BELIEVE SUSTAINABILITY IS A PRIORITY, I BELIEVE EACH DAY IS A FRESH CANVAS, I BELIEVE IN WEARING NOIR AND LIVING PINK.







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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Meade

Thank you for joining me today to contemplate and create. I hope this experience allowed you to reflect on 2020 and design 2021.

Remember, this journey toward a more tranquil lifestyle is a daily practice. A process for finding more ease and beauty. One baby step at a time.

Let's stay in touch via weekly <u>Love Notes</u> and <u>Tranquility du Jour podcast</u> episodes.

As you transition back into your life post-retreat, go gently and stay connected to this experience. Make a nutritious meal. Dive deeper into the reflection questions. Read poetry. Spend more time in creativity. Go for a long stroll. Stay connected to what matters most to you.

You're beautiful and you've got this. May 2021 be your most delicious year yet! x



A portion of all Tranquility du Jour proceeds benefits <u>Pigs & Pugs Project</u>, so thank you for making a difference.









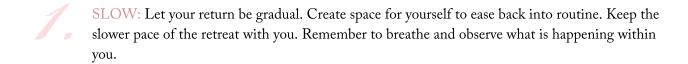








"The world needs people who retreat from the world in order to see it more clearly."
—Patrick Shen



NOOK: Create a space to hold memories of what fed you on this retreat—a quote, a page from your art journal, a savvy source. Have your art supplies, meditation cushion, journal, and yoga mat in this nook so that you can create and practice during those sweet moments in between.

HOLD: Keep the retreat experience close to your heart. Honor taking the time for yourself and how you showed up. Stay connected to the senses: the movement in yoga, the sitting and walking in meditation, the reflection in journaling, the play in art journaling, the taste in mindful eating.

SPACE: Carve out a sense of spaciousness in your schedule. Avoid overbooking and work with your energy flow. Mid-day naps or walks around a city block can have a profound effect on the mind, body, and spirit.

EXPLORE: Consider how you feel different from your time on retreat. What do you understand better about yourself? What were your takeaways and how are they expanding now?



Everyday Tranquility

Tranquility is the quality of calm within a full and meaningful life.

SIP hot water with lemon.

Spend a few minutes in MEDITATION.

MOVE YOUR BODY through yoga, walks, dance, and more.

Enjoy a **GREEN SMOOTHIE** or juice plus plant-based whole foods.

Write in a **JOURNAL** to clarify your thoughts.

REVIEW YOUR DAYBOOK

and note the week's intention and MITs plus month's and year's dreams.

Savor a pot of GREEN TEA and nibble a square of DARK CHOCOLATE.

Create a **CAPSULE WARDROBE** and layer in clothing that feels luxurious on your skin.

SPRITZ PERFUME and diffuse lavender.

Read books and LISTEN TO MUSIC and podcasts that inspire.

PRACTICE GRATITUDE.

MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY with a simple "I appreciate you" text or smile.

TRACK your energy, time, and money habits.

DECLUTTER your mind, home, and digital environments.

BATCH TASKS by categories and hats you wear.

ESTABLISH ROUTINES and healthy habits.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE as a volunteer, donor, and awareness-raiser.

Practice mindful SELF-COMPASSION and treat yourself as you would a dear friend. Surround yourself with **BEAUTIFUL THINGS** such as flowers, art, plants, and twinkle lights.

Be a LIFELONG LEARNER and study what makes your heart sing.

FOREST BATHE and soak up the natural world.

Be a FLÂNEUR (A

PASSIONATE WANDERER) to
clear your mind and get those steps.

When triggered, take 10 DEEP BREATHS.

Make SLEEP a priority.

PRACTICE STOP: Stop, Take a breath, Observe what's happening, Proceed with awareness.

After a long day, put your LEGS UP THE WALL and exhale.

When in doubt, TAKE A NAP.



30 Days of Tranquility

Try this 30-day challenge to infuse your month with simple pleasures.

SIT STILL FOR FIVE MINUTES	DO SIX SUN SALUTATIONS	WRITE A LOVE LETTER	APOLOGIZE	TELL THE TRUTH
CONSUME A GREEN DRINK	GO MEAT-FREE	WALK FOR 20 MINUTES	DO LEGS	GIVE \$10 TO
PEN TWO	REVIEW YOUR	CLEAR CLUTTER	GO ON AN	CHARITY COLLAGE TWO
JOURNAL PAGES TREAT YOURSELF	YEAR'S DREAMS READ FOR	BUY YOURSELF	DANCE TO A	PAGES
TO TEA	20 MINUTES	FLOWERS	FAVORITE TUNE	GRATITUDE
EAT ONLY UNPROCESSED FOODS	SOAK IN A BUBBLE BATH	MINDFULLY SIP A LIBATION	GET OUT IN NATURE	FORGO COMPLAINING

MAKE A

FAVORITE MEAL

HUG

SNAP PHOTOS

DIGITAL DAY OFF FROM YOUR DAY

BE FULLY

PRESENT



Creativity

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#181 Living The Not So Big Life

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#335 Walk On the Healthy Side

#348 Mindful Self-care

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#486 Stop Checking Your Likes

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Compassion

#116 Spiritual Activism

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#359 Artistic Activism

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#451 Racial Justice

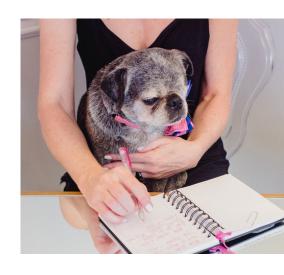
#452 Reducetarian

#475 Zero Waste

#491 Being An Ally

#501 Slow Living

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TDJ Annual Pass

All of 2021 • \$497

Spend 2021 basking in exclusive access to all things tranquility in your every day. A TDJ Annual Pass gives you access to over 17 offerings (four TDJ Live Masterclasses and four Virtual Retreats) PLUS a private Planning Your Year session, seasonal Pop-Up events (journaling, planning, yoga, mindfulness), quarterly private virtual co-creating sessions to work quietly together on projects or read (hello, book club), weekly prompts from *Year of Tranquility* straight to your inbox, exclusive shopping day discounts, six PDFs of my books, a private community of like-hearted souls, and colorful workbooks to accompany our gatherings.

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TDJ Live

Sunday, January 10, 8-9 pm ET • Free

TDJ Live is a one-hour masterclass with space for reflection, intention setting, and connection. During the experience I'll share eight tranquility tips to help you find more balance, beauty, and ease as we launch into 2021.

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