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Jennifer shown here with Bosha and Lil' Bit!

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His, Mine, & Ours

After the wedding day and honeymoon, newlyweds begin the most arduous part of their journey - moving in together. His and hers boxes are strewn throughout the house and couples often have no idea what to do. Use these tips to get started:

Old Versus New – Moving in together means more than deciding which of your

toasters to keep. There may be two of everything and you will need to determine whose couch or dishes to hold onto. Start by deciding on the easy pieces you know you both like. Then take a good look at the remainder and try to agree on one piece you will keep. If there is no agreement between you, sell both pieces and purchase something

you both like.

In or Out – Determining which of you gets to display their prized collection out in the open versus who gets to store their precious items in the attic can be just as challenging. The home belongs to both of you and needs to reflect each of you in the décor. You may not like his collection of wilderness plates and he may not agree with your hat collection, so you need to be considerate of one another and compromise.

Mix-N-Match – Do not be fooled into believing all your treasures need to fit together perfectly. Create an eclectic home that displays both of your unique styles, interests, and activities. However, keep in mind color compliments and textures when blending your items or the room will look like you hit puree.

Divide & Conquer – Divvy up the rooms in your new abode and take charge of them one by one. Unpack everything that needs to be placed in the room, then make a list of furniture or accessories you will need to store or use these items. Pick one piece of furniture or artwork that you want to build the room around and get to work. Most importantly, focus on the style or feel of that room until it is completed. Otherwise you will find yourself in a home full of half done rooms.

Cash or Credit – Budgeting for home decorating is just as important as the actual decorating challenges. Home improvements can be expensive and even small projects can balloon into larger ones if you are not careful. Make a list and prioritize the items. What is needed now? You may want the entire bedroom set, but if you can only afford the bed, the bed takes precedent. Be realistic with purchases for your new residence, as you do not want to strain your finances buying everything at once. Rome was not built in a day.

When all is said and done, remember this is more than just your first home together, it is the place where you will be sharing and making memories. Over time, both of your decorating styles will typically change and you will find a way to compromise with ease. For now, enjoy each other and the rest will come with time.

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