

CREATING HOME

FUNCTIONAL SPACES

A functional space is more than buying and fitting “things” into the latest and greatest organizational device. It’s about understanding and assembling a space to fit a purpose aligned to it’s user. This series will help you define your space, determine it’s purpose, help you implement changes, and most importantly, uncover the beauty that lies within! If you are willing to put in the time, a functional space shouldn’t cost a dime! – megan hannam

**disclaimer: function=fitting, space=environment.....*

As you wait, please introduce yourself to your neighbor. Share with them why you are here.

THE BREAK DOWN

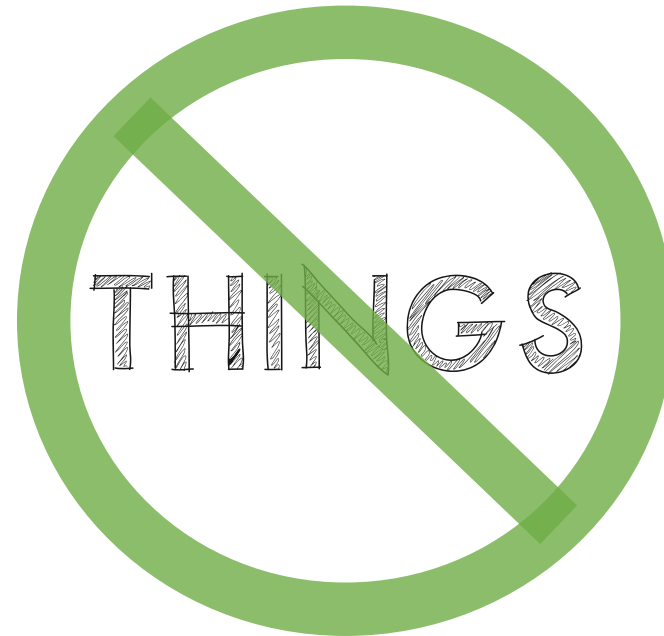
- THE WHAT
- THE WHY
- THE HOW
- THE SUSTAINING

THE WHAT

- WHAT?: FUNCTIONAL SPACE IS:

- simple & tidy
- evolving
- shelter
- reflective
- self operating
- freedom
- supportive & helpful
- purposeful
- fitting
- true beauty

IS vs. HAS



THE WHY

- WHY?: A FUNCTIONAL SPACE SETS US UP FOR SUCCESS!
 - gathered
 - supported
 - prepared

THE HOW

- HOW TO CREATE A FUNCTIONAL SPACE
 - **define and refine** ...*the what and why*
 - **explore and take time**... *with self and awareness*
 - **clean and simplify**... *stuff*
 - **establish and develop**... *systems*

the framework to align, define, adjust, provide permission

HOW# 1: define and refine ...*the what and why*

define the space

what space do you want to be functional- more fitting?

defining the purpose

- UNDERSTAND: IT'S EMOTIONAL
feeling versus a need or want
emotional purpose drives authentic interiors
- UNDERSTAND: IT WILL CHANGE
- ASK WHY: do you want this space to be functional- more fitting?.....*beyond "I hate it" or "I don't know"*
importance of space
desires for space
- ASK WHAT: what obstacles are in the space?
difference of existing purpose or use to desired
difference from your current state
determine physical and mental obstacles to eliminate exhaustion
- DETERMINE & DEFINE: How you want to use the this space?
consider flow state or dislikes
performance
background
- DETERMINE & DEFINE: What feeling do you desire to have or support do you need for this use?
feeling + assistance = function
*feeling **IN** the space vs. feeling **OF** the space*

- **HOW # 2: explore and take time...** *with self and awareness*

- achieving authenticity for your space

- 1- explore this process alone..... *keep outside influences separate*

- 2- take time & reflect..... *to become aware*

how does this space affect your needs in life?

visualize your day

- 3- Be Reasonable.... *the key and common trap!*

don't compare, don't envy

the difference = unique accessorizing

- **HOW # 3: clean and simplify... *stuff***
 - consider objects in your space
 - objects can promote or distract function and fit within a space*
 - remove, keep, clear, clean.... then be
 - consider addition for support
 - objects, assembly, appearance*
 - shop your home*
 - stay simple*
 - consider subtraction for support

- **HOW # 4: establish and develop... systems**

- tidiness is the ticket to the SUSTAINING show

driving force

tidiness= easy cleaning and weightless

tidiness differs drastically

tidiness fuels the machine

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[ˈtɪdē] 

ADJECTIVE

1. arranged neatly and in order.
"his scrupulously tidy apartment" -

VERB

1. bring order to; arrange neatly.
"the boys have finally tidied their bedroom" -

THE SUSTAINING

- HOW TO SUSTAIN YOUR FUNCTIONAL SPACE

“just make it more of what it already is!”

- SUSTAINING: HOW TO SUSTAIN YOUR FUNCTIONAL SPACE

- keep it tidy and clean
 - Tidiness will make cleaning easy- systems help with tidiness
- accept it will evolve and tweak to fit through routine maintenance
 - Personal Seasons & Mother Nature Seasons
 - ensures alignment*
 - encourages adjustments*
 - gives permission*
- let it be, let it work, let it support!!
 - stay aware and prepared to adapt

CLOSING

functional spaces are a lifestyle not a means to an end.

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THE HOW: application exercise

- an exercise to help determine what your space IS!
- fill out only what you know in the boxes shown

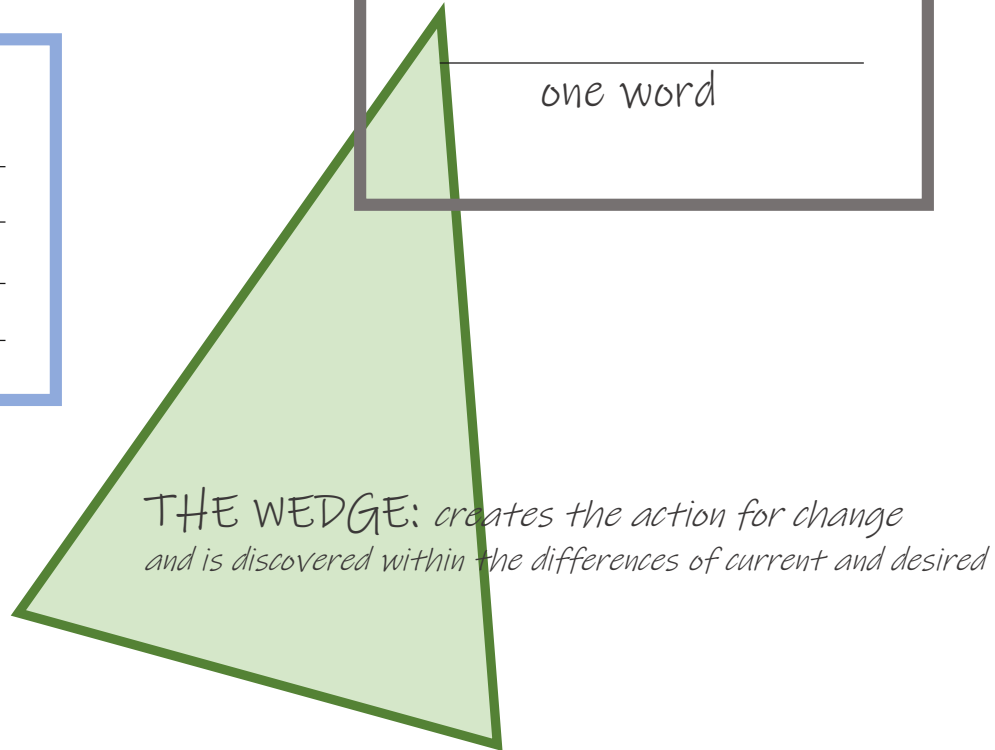
THE SPACE:

what are current obstacles:

what is the current use:

THE PURPOSE:

one word



what is the desired use:

How do you want to use this space:

How do you need this space to function:

what feelings or support do you need:
