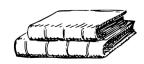# THE ART OF A GREAT-LOOKING COFFEE TABLE

Trays are a great way to declutter and cut down on visual noise, instead of having all these little things all over your table or desk you can collect them and easily move them if needed. But they can also be a great way to decorate at the same time, and with a few simple tricks, you can get a great effortless look!

ADD ELEMENTS OF VARYING HIEGHTS

This creates movement and flow, think of adding a tall vase and jar candle and a book, the different height draw the eye down. Or add some books under a smaller item to do the same thing.

ADD ELEMENTS OF DIFFERENT TEXTURES TO ADD INTEREST

Having all glass or all wood or all metal can make it look dull so try to mix it up. Maybe flowers in a glass jar, a metal straw and a wooden bowl of candy or nuts.

USE SETS OF THREE OR ODD NUMBERS

You may have noticed the sets of three in the last few examples and that's not by chance. Our brains find grouping of odd numbers more appealing than even.

MAKE SURE TO ADD "WHITE SPACE"

Don't be tempted to fill the whole tray or have just solid block items, adding things that you can see threw

Now go on and try it yourself remember to have fun. Once you've had a go you'll want to add fun trays all over your home like:

- In the living room on the ottoman or coffee table
- In the kitchen on the counter or breakfast bar
- In the front hall to catch all those things you empty from your pockets
- In the bedroom on the end table or dresser to have a safe place for your watch and earrings
- In the bathroom to collect all your little bits and bobs.
- In the dining room on the table or side board for seasonal décor