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Hello!

My name is Cherry and this is my first column for Making Magazine. I thought it best to introduce myself to you, tell you a little bit about what I do and give you sneak peek in to what's to come over the coming months.

Let's start with what I do and who I am. I am a thoroughly modern homemaker, a crafter, a writer, a designer, a home cook, a gardener and I have a passion for taking photographs. I have my own website www.cherrymenlove.com and I am currently writing my first book which will be published in 2012. It's a dream come true to write and huge fun (so far!).



I am also a mummy to twins and I am married to Robert the Husband. My journey to motherhood was a hard one to say the least and every day that I spend with my son Ned and my daughter Anaïs I count as a blessing. I also think that becoming a mummy for the first time at 34 was good for me personally. I was ready, I had gotten a lot of my adventures out of my system and I was prepared for a time of not being able to just get up and go. Although it won't be long until those kids are adventuring with us, let me tell you!

I strive to keep our family life as simple as possible, enjoying every moment and I am learning the hard way

not to bite off more than I can chew. I'm passionate about my home and the home lives of others, and actively encourage people to make their homes a place of safety and peace. I think it's vital that we gain strength from our homes and not have them sap energy from us.

I am also a fabric addict, as I suspect some of you are. If it's made out of fabric I want it and I am currently staring down the delicious barrel of having a brand new house to decorate and 'make stuff' for. Some of those projects will be featured in the magazine and I look forward to sharing them with you.

I will also be documenting my life here in the West Sussex countryside. I lived in the heart of London for many years and never thought I'd find myself so content listening to nothing but birdsong when I had been used to the hustle and bustle of Notting Hill and the South Bank for so long. But it would seem as if life had other plans so who am I to argue? I live in a small hamlet with an extraordinary cast of characters and I look forward to introducing them to you.

I'm thrilled that Making Magazine have asked me to be a part of their family and I very much hope to be able to bring something enjoyable to the back page every month.

So let me say "hello" and "goodbye for now". Have a fantastic few hours flicking through this month's edition and I'll see you here, same time, and same place next month. Thank you for reading,

love Cherry x

