

Meet Stav Hatchett

HUDSON'S MUM

A dream came true for this mum when she opened the doors to her Messy Room.

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Stav sources a beautiful array of timeless treasures in her store.

LMNOP: How were you inspired to start your business?

SH: I was a Womenswear Buyer prior to having Hudson and I really wanted to continue working (once I started a family) but I didn't want the pressures of working for a major company. I have always dreamed of opening my own store where I could use my skills, enjoy sourcing products, merchandise a beautiful space and help customers.

LMNOP: What's your biggest seller?

SH: That's a really hard question because when something new comes in at My Messy Room we get excited about it. We sell lots of different things, from newborn to 10-year-olds fashion, children's interiors through to unique gifts. A best-seller for the week could be a new baby vintage dress, a retro lampshade or a new book.

LMNOP: What advice would you give to other mums trying to start a business?

SH: Ensure your family is 100% supportive of what you are doing. Be sure of your vision and research your market. Write down your goals or objectives and keep within them. Keep a budget and manage it. Assume you will be working late hours in the first year and not making wages for yourself because it will go back into the business.

LMNOP: What's your biggest challenge as a mum?

SH: Managing time and keeping a balance. Like any mum, there are just never enough hours in the day and it's very hard to balance it all. If anyone has any tips, call me!

LMNOP: The best piece of advice you'll ever give to Hudson?

SH: To experience every moment and have an empathy for others.

LMNOP: What do you and Hudson like to do together?

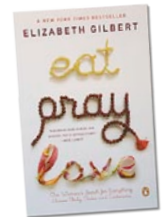
SH: Hudson is very active so our days together are busy. He loves going for a walk/ride on his trike, going to the park, helping me in the kitchen and reading a book while snuggling into my lap.

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I couldn't live without

Hudson wakes every morning and the first thing he asks is to make a 'noo noo' (cup of tea). I sit him on the counter, he puts in the teabag and I add the water.



What we're reading at the moment

At the moment, I'm reading 'Eat, Pray, Love' by Elizabeth Gilbert and Hudson is loving 'The Happy Man and His Dump Truck'.



When I have 30 minutes to myself

I buy a magazine (usually an interiors mag) and then race off to get a quick pedicure. It's my one luxury!