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THE HOME BUYING JOURNAL

BUYING A HOME IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME STRETCH OF MEMORIES AND DECISIONS. USE THIS JOURNAL TO CAPTURE WHAT YOU WANT, EVERY HOME YOU TOUR, AND THE MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY, SO THE WHOLE JOURNEY IS SOMETHING YOU CAN LOOK BACK ON.

REMEMBER EVERY STEP

1 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

NAME IT BEFORE YOU START TOURING. IT KEEPS THE SEARCH HONEST.

MUST-HAVES

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NICE-TO-HAVES

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DEALBREAKERS

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OUR BUDGET & TARGET

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2 WHY NOW & WHAT HOME MEANS TO US

A FEW LINES YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU WROTE DOWN YEARS FROM NOW.

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3 SHOWINGS LOG

ONE CARD PER HOME. AFTER A LONG DAY OF TOURING, THEY ALL BLUR TOGETHER. THIS KEEPS THEM STRAIGHT.

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TIP: SNAP A PHOTO OF EACH HOME'S STREET NUMBER AND TAPE IT BESIDE ITS CARD LATER. YOUR FUTURE SELF WILL THANK YOU WHEN COMPARING FAVORITES.

4 MILESTONES & MEMORIES

DATE EACH ONE AS IT HAPPENS. THIS BECOMES THE STORY OF YOUR HOME.

PRE-APPROVAL LETTER

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DATE

FIRST HOME TOURED

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OFFER SUBMITTED

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OFFER ACCEPTED

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INSPECTION DONE

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RATE LOCKED

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FINAL WALKTHROUGH

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CLOSING DAY & KEYS

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DATE

5 THE DAY WE GOT THE KEYS

WRITE IT DOWN WHILE IT'S FRESH: HOW IT FELT, WHO WAS THERE, THE FIRST THING YOU DID.

KEEP GOING: PAIR THIS JOURNAL WITH THE FREE FIRST-YEAR HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST AT [CALCULATEMYRATE.COM](https://www.calculatemyrate.com) TO MAKE THOSE FIRST 12 MONTHS JUST AS MEMORABLE.