

Once Upon a Thyme

A recipe for the good life

Once upon a **Thyme**, in a land not so far away, lived a very happy woman. So happy was she, that people came from far and wide to learn her secret for the good life she had created. Her sage answer was always the same.

*“The recipe for a good life,”
she proclaimed...“consist of 3 ingredients!*

You must have a garden to feed the soul!

You must surround yourself with beautiful things to feed your heart!

And your body must always be fed with delicious food and good wine!

Follow my advice and your home will always be filled with love and laughter.”

THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS:

life can be good but it will always be better with a garden, something beautiful to look at and a good meal.
And so she lives happily and heartily ever after.



‘*Once Upon a Thyme*’ is a peek into the heart and soul of a very wise woman indeed. First we notice her eye for working with unique plant material combinations. Formal sculpted **boxwoods and junipers**, are paired with casual **roses and perennials**. A surprising **blueberry hedge** sharing space with a collection of treasured botanicals including: **‘Itoh’ Peonies, ‘Fairy Tale Pink’ Daylily and ‘Chilled Wine’ Iris**. Not only does she joyfully tend her garden, she fills it with special touches that bring it alive. Notice the **twig arbors, fountain, mushroom table set, antique flower cart and planted containers**. She has transformed **wine barrels** into a **bistro set**, a garden **retaining wall**, and home for a **miniature world of fairies**. And notice the **wine corks** used to create a **pathway and front door mat**. *Such a clever lady!*

Invitations to this hearty home are surely coveted! Visiting guests are treated to a bounty of fresh grown fare, skillfully prepared and paired perfectly with just the right varietal wine, no doubt hailing from a nearby master vintner. **Thyme** is a favorite ingredient. You’ll find several varieties like: **Lemon, English, Orange and Balsam Thyme**. One can only imagine the festive evenings spent deep in conversation and comfort—hearts and bellies amply filled and content.

Everyone should be so bold as she in creating such an interesting and eclectic interior. Notice the **loveseat upholstered with remnants**. *How resourceful!* The **farm hutch** is filled with culinary necessities always at the ready in this busy kitchen. So much does she love herbs, she has adorned her mantle with **topiaries** and throughout the cottage, **jars of cut herbs** fill the air with their subtle fragrance well before they are in the soup. She shows love is in the little things, as mementos abound, reflecting good times gone by and welcoming those to come.

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