

January 2025 #happythings

1. Road trip with my fella. 🚗
2. Muffuletta, gambling, cruising the Quarter, and binging beignets. 🍷🎵
3. Day drinking topped by dinner at Tableau. Creme brûlée and tart a la bouillie. 🍰
4. Home with our Timber Belle. 🐾
5. Nesting 🏠 on a stormy 🌩️ day.
6. A virus of unknown origin, but at least it isn't Covid. Medicated with pot pie. 🥧
7. Clearing the sinuses at El Agave. 🍷
8. Pre-snowmageddon burgers at East End Cafe. 🍔
9. Pot roast and snowflakes ❄️
10. Pajamas, k-drama, and warm bowls of soup 🍲 on a snowy day.
11. My fleet still rules the high seas. 🚢
12. A sunny Sunday afternoon after a snowy week.
13. Taco 🌮 truck and CNRW holiday Zoom.
14. Sideways snoozes on the big bed. 🛏️
15. Queer Eye is the perfect stand-in for Shrinkling. 📺
16. Being sociable again. Go me!
17. Friday night run around with my guy. 💕🏃
18. Hanging with Brinda Berry day!
19. Suzanne produced her very first loaf of sourdough! 🍞
20. Soup and fresh bread on a 🥶 cold night!
21. Spamming Kat with memes makes me happy. 😄
22. A wild night of clubbing-Costco & Sam's, that is. 🛒
23. Top Tier Bs present and accounted for! 🧑
24. 3 Sams for dinner and banana cream cake! 🍰
25. Fresh hair and fresh air.
26. Sunday baking. Banana muffins 🍌 and a boule of sourdough. 🍞
27. A sunny day and a Sonic Diet Coke.
28. Hodgepodge supper and hanging with Jewels.
29. A long chat with my sister. ❤️
30. Fireside chatting with Deb on a dark, damp night. 🔥
31. Julie day. 🎂 Feeling all the love from family and friends. ❤️

February 2025 #happythings

1. A day spent watching my guy catch up with his guys. 💕
2. A warm, sunny Sunday. ☀️
3. Getting LaFawnduh prepped for the roadtrip. 🚗
4. Massage and hot dogs. 🌭
5. "Just how accurate is this?" GPS skepticism.

6. Lucca pizza with Renee and Becky. 🍕
7. A beautiful day for celebrating Ed with family and friends.
8. Home 🏠 safe and sound.
9. Discard coffee cake is actually a keeper!
10. Getting back to my routine.
11. Chicken and dumplings on a cold, wet day.
12. Baking mad scientist...mwahahaha! 🧪
13. Fireside chat with Deb.
14. Valentine tacos 🌮 = true love.
15. Some bread 🍞 baking maniac took over my house!
16. Sunday puttering.
17. A sunny ☀️ day before the storm. ❄️
18. Home safe and warm with man and beast. 🐾
19. Running road reconnaissance with my guy.
20. A productive phone call. 📞 📄
21. A visit from our boy and his boy. 🤗
22. Chocolate chip cookies 🍪 and warm sunshine.
23. A cozy chair and the scent of fresh-baked bread. 🍞
24. A festival of meat!
25. Release day #51! 📄
26. Putting together another proposal. 📄
27. Iced oatmeal cookies.
28. Pink belly rubs. 🐾

March 2025 #happythings

1. Brinda Berry day! 🍓
2. Blondies and cozying up in my book nook. 📄
3. Coming home to chicken nachos. 🌮
4. A gentle cleaning. 😊
5. Schnitzel nacht!
6. Solving the problems of the world in a Thursday night chat.
7. An offer 📄, the best burger 🍔 and banana cream cake I town, and Drive To Survive 🚗
8. A giggling boy. 🤪
9. A new manuscript started. 📄
10. Hot dog 🌭 dinner.
11. Bathtub 🚿 breakthroughs.
12. Basking in daylight savings time. ☀️ ⌚ ☀️
13. Kayson is 12! Hanging in NLR. 🤪
14. The treacherous tragedy of the trash can. 🗑️
15. Puttering around on a Saturday afternoon.
16. I made big buns! 🍔 Kaden is 8!

17. The Quiet Man. 🎬 🎁 ❤️
18. Post-work cuddle. 🐕 🤗
19. Getting good feedback and moving forward. 💻
20. Conversation without agenda but fueled by books.
21. Bulb shopping season! 🌸
22. I made my own Cheez-Its. 🏠
23. A Bookish chat. 💻
24. Getting things done. ✅
25. Word flow for the first time in forever.
26. My beloved made me my death row meal. I hope I make it through the night. 🍌 🍪
27. Another Thursday evening spent solving all the issues.
28. Winning the errands marathon. 🏃
29. Now that's a pretty tomato. 🍅
30. A Snoopy umbrella 🌂 for April showers.
31. Sandwich night. 🥪

April 2025 #happythings

1. No fooling, I needed that massage.
2. A catnap in my book nook. 📖
3. 14 years smoke free. 🚫
4. Defying Gravity, but safe from flying monkeys.
5. Generator power. 🙌
6. Today I worked under the supervision of Sawyer Ethridge, Lego Foreman.
7. It's electrifying! 💡
8. So much getting things done! ✅
9. Date to the Dollar Tree with my guy. 💎
10. The Pitt finale. 🎉
11. The anti-socialites out on the town. 📺 🍕
12. Liberating plants from the garden centers. 🌸
13. It's official, I have a pot problem. 🌿
14. I'm OK. Apple 🍏 Health says so.
15. Sprint shopping at Sam's. 🛒
16. Vegging out with Jewels. 📺
17. CAKE!!!
18. Plant 🌱 shopping with Sawyer. 😊
19. Farmers Market season begins! 🍷
20. Semi-productive Sunday.
21. Perfectly burned buns. 🍌
22. An evening romp with Timber. 🐕
23. Sonic shakes with man and beast. 🥤

24. Rambling without agenda with Deb.
25. A delicious trip to The Pantry with a Community Bakery grab & go. 🍰
26. Pink chiffon rose of Sharon. 🌸
27. Making granola bars because I'm all heathy and stuff. 🍌
28. Sheet pan dinner, wording, and a long, hot shower. 🚿
29. Happy Renee Day! 🎂
30. Hunkered down safe & warm on a stormy night. 🌧️

May 2025 #happythings

1. Plotting with Deb. 📅
2. Finished Friday with a serving of vegetables uh, carrot cake. 😊🍰
3. Girl day with Timber.
4. Book clubbing with my fellow goddesses. 📖
5. Today marks 7 years since Timber first visited our house. 🐕
6. Got on a roll with the words. 📝
7. A very silly date with my guy and the Pythons. 🐍
8. A new Pope and an evening of chatting.
9. Preparing for our hoard. 🪛
10. Fishing and pedis. What else does a mom need? 🐟🚰
11. Roaming the mall with my boyfriend. 🛍️
12. An after dinner cuddle with TimberLove. 🐕
13. Back in the saddle and heading into the home stretch on this draft. 🐎
14. In bed at 8:30 listening to Rachmaninoff and playing color sort games on my iPad.
15. A hot bath. 🛁
16. Pasta e fagioli and toasty garlic bread. 🍞
17. An awesome panel of category romance writers. 📖
18. Lazy Sunday. Yet, strangely productive.
19. Harvesting tiny tomatoes. 🍅
20. Watching true crime docs so I know how not to be scammed. 📺
21. Kicking off an extra-long weekend with burgers 🍔 and MasterChef. 🍳
22. Wrote like the wind! 🖨️
23. Got to type my 2 favorite words again - The End! 📖
24. Mike & Carla's wedding-hanging with Bill's gang.
25. Poking through the flea-market as the thunder rumbles. 🌩️
26. Fresh baked bread and cozy naps on a rainy day. 🍞
27. Cooking up some yummy pasta using my tiny tomatoes and fresh basil. 🌿
28. Simul-watching MC with Lulu and Jewels. 📺
29. Adopted more plants tonight. 🌱
30. Drowsing on the patio.
31. Farmer's market, editing, patio beers 🍷, book stalking 📖, and a 2 spoon sundae 🍦.

June 2025 #happythings

1. Turned in the book! 📖
2. Writer's day off!
3. Easing my way back into a little yoga. 🧘
4. Pizza 🍕 night & MC - matching cat pate burnt sienna brown Shirts!
5. Timber tried to get the mockingbirds to play ball! 🏀
6. A much-needed nap.
7. Read in my chair all afternoon. 📚
8. Pool party 🐾 with Brinda, Buddy, and Maisey Berry!
9. A lavender eucalyptus bubble bath. 🛁
10. Hanging in North Hills tonight. 🍪 🎸
11. Timber cuddles. 🐾
12. Tucked in early with Evermore 🏡 and a good book. 📖
13. Dusting off my poster making skills. 🖌️
14. Pride in our protest. No kings. us
15. Puttering away our Sunday. 🌸 🏠 🖥️
16. Vegging out. Not that I'm eating vegetables... 🥬 🥦 🥒 🥕 🥔 🥑 🍆 🍅
17. Massage day! 🧖
18. An evening of kitchen wizardry. ✨ 🕒
19. Helping Deb with her memory issues. 🤪
20. Catching up on Younger with Jewels. 🖥️
21. A cold beer 🍺 and Big Dan. 🍕
22. A lazy afternoon bingeing America's Sweethearts. 🧑 🏈 🧑
23. Book club! ❤️ 📚 🖥️
24. A pretty pink pedi.
25. A chat with 501 Life. Stay tuned! 📞
26. Swapping lipsticks in the quest for the perfect shade. 💄
27. Snoozing in the tub. 🛁
28. Hanging out in the shallow end with the girls just catching up.. 🐾
29. Ozark turtle sundaes for lunch and an afternoon snoozle. 🍦
30. 24 years of love ❤️ 🧑 🧑

July 2025 #happythings

1. Frito chili pie.
2. Binge listening to old Susan Elizabeth Phillips books. 🎧
3. Preparing to set fire to our money. 🔪
4. Exploding cakes and whistling fountains. 🌟 🌟
5. An expedition to Costco with my little squirrel. 🐿️
6. And once again, peace returned to Inishfree.

7. Miscellaneous pasta and meatballs. 🍝
8. Post work doze with man and beast. Timber is learning to snuggle.
9. Breakfast for dinner! 🍷 🍷 🍷
10. Jam and yap sessions in NLR. 😄 🎸
11. Sawyer is six! 🎂
12. Signings 📖, snoozes 😴, popcorn 🍿, and Quarterbacks 🏈.
13. Hanging with The Wallflowers again.
14. Wording and CNRW. 💻
15. Family Guy “handyman” reel. 😂 🎤 😂
16. Moogie’s Manicotti!
17. Girl dinner 🏠 🍇 🍎 🍪 🍪 and naked carbs.
18. Impulse buying renovation -catalysts. 🛠️ 🔪 🎯
19. Post shopping puppy pile. 🐕 🍷
20. Treasure hunting with my fella. 🗺️
21. Sheet pan supper. 😊 🍴
22. Robin came through surgery okay. 🙏
23. Timber’s nap training is going well. 🐕
24. Booking a little getaway! 🏠
25. Puddles of sunshine ☀️ in an air conditioned room.
26. I just want a cruise and eat my biscuit. 🚗
27. Great works of Lego architecture with Sawyer.
28. A tender moment between man and beast. 🐕
29. Prepping for an adventure!
30. Really big things on a really big trip! ✍️ 🚗
31. Got to see Jimmy, Dave, Kat, Jeff, and Renee. Carol tomorrow!!

August 2025 #happythings

1. Women our age get trafficked because we are so very much in demand. #bestdayever
2. Beach 🏖️ day! Blue moon ice cream 🍦
3. LaFawnduh caught sleeping on the job! Gas, grass, or ass, nobody rides for free!
🚗 “we’ve seen both sides of Du Quion now.”
4. Home safe and sound with our Timber Belle. 🐕
5. Chicken thief! 🐕
6. Back on the wording again. 💻
7. Checking off agenda items with Deb. ✅
8. Cracking ourselves up in the pharmacy drive-thru...as the kids do. 😂
9. Feeling cute, got my picture made... 📷
10. Restorative yoga 🧘 and The Gilded Age. 📺
11. Hot dogs 🌭 and living for the hope of it all. 🎵
12. The Life of a Showgirl is coming! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ #TS12

13. Basking in the glow of having something to look forward to enjoying. ❤️👤❤️👤❤️👤
14. Noshing nachos and the Thursday night club.
15. Making meringue with my man. 🍪
16. Snoopy MagMuffins! 🍩🍩🍩🍩
17. Pool party at Brent and Brinda's! 🌞👙
18. A post-work cuddle nap. 🐾
19. Enjoyed my first chair 🪑 yoga.
20. Planning a big reunion for next spring! ✈️🌴👥
21. Prepping for a weekend getaway! 🧳🛒
22. A lovely evening at the lake. 🌅
23. Small-town diner lunch and a nap at the lakeside.
24. Home sweet snooze spot. 😴
25. Schnitzel and clown car ridiculousness. 🤡🚗
26. A lovely evening with the Riverbend book club. 📖
27. Becky is 70! ❤️
28. Post work snooze and a bowl of chili on a rainy night. 🌧️
29. A date to Community Bakery and Bobcorn for dinner. 🍪🍩🍰🍰🎉
30. Football!!!! College football is back! It's the most wonderful time of the year! 🏈
31. A great time signing books 📖 at the WLR B&N this afternoon.

September 2025 #happythings

1. A labor-intensive Labor Day, but it sure was yummy! 🍔🍩🍩🍰🍪
2. Chair yoga class. 🪑🪑
3. I'm trying to get restored. 🧑🔧
4. Thursday Night Not-so-murderly Club. 😊
5. Pawing through old photos of timeless friendships. 📷
6. Feathering my nest with Kelli Reep. 🏠
7. Typed my 2 favorite words today!
8. Sheet pan supper and another Timber basketball 🏀 bites the dust! 🐾
9. Sparkling smile 😁.
10. Massage day!!! 😊
11. Scoring the Maxxium amount of popcorn 🎬 with Deb. 🛒
12. Celebrated Biscuit week. 🍪
13. Getting things done day! ✅
14. Book club with my ladies! 📖📖
15. A therapeutic post-work nap.
16. Celebrating Stonehenge with my guy. 🎮 #thisisspinaltap
17. Master Chef finale with Lulu and Jewels. 🧑🍳📺

18. Turned in the book! 📖
19. Bake Off and The Reluctant Traveller. 🎁 📺
20. Feathering the nest like good little consumers. 🛒
21. Making moves! Getting ready to gut the bathroom!
22. A post work nap. 10 more minutes...10 more minutes... 🛌
23. A nifty new casserole recipe - a BoomerX dream! 😊
24. Timber cuddled! 🐕
25. Plotting and planning with Deb. 📅
26. An abundance of campfire 🔥 cookies! 🍪
27. Picking up pine cones with Kelli Reep. 🧺
28. Writing through adversity workshop at the library.
29. Got a bionic eyeball 👁️.
30. Seeing in Ultra HD...at least on one side. 👁️👁️

October 2025 #happythings

1. I'm 20/15!! At least in one eye. 👁️👁️
2. Couch lounging with Deb - no agenda required.
3. Living The Life of A Showgirl! ❤️ 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷
4. Fun and games at the RSG picnic! 🧺
5. Sunday get-things-done-day.
6. Surgery #2 a success!
7. Recovery day 🍷
8. Chicken 🐔 and dressing casserole.
9. Snacks and chats. 🎁
10. Two 👁️ 20/15! Making Fodder call me, "Eagle Eye."
11. A beautiful day to spend some time with the Curtis clan. ❤️ ❤️
12. Words, chores, and some yummy skillet 🍲 lasagna.
13. Hanging with the Chicago North Romance Writers and talking about small town romance.
14. In an editorial whirlwind! 🌀
15. Another proposal 📄
16. Peanut butter chocolate chip dessert pizza. 😊
17. A trip to Ireland with Eugene Levy. IE 🍀
18. Girls night with Joey. 🏠 📺 🍪
19. Feeding my big boys Snoopy waffles. 🍩
20. Getting all the things done.
21. Timber insisted on group cuddle time. 🐕
22. Weird Wednesday made better by Mom's vegetable soup. 🍲
23. Family. ❤️
24. Cuddled up for dessert week. 🍪

25. Rainy Saturday piddling about.
26. Banana bread. 🍌 🍞
27. Monday busywork. ✅
28. Remembering the delightful Roger Dale Curtis. 🏠
29. Frito chili pie night. IYKYK
30. A request for more. 🍌 📖
31. A beautiful autumn 🍁 day and a fun Halloween 🎃 night!

November 2025 #happythings

1. Three dollar dinner date with my darling. 🍷
2. Sorting out a new story in my head. 🤔
3. Surprise birria! 🌮 🌮 🌮 🌮
4. Chair 🪑 yoga. 🧘
5. Massage day! 😊
6. Raiding the new Home Goods with Deb! 🏠 🛒
7. Bobcorn 🎁 the bake-off finale.
8. Yummy pasta e fagoli for lunch and a DQ dinner. 🍝
9. Brinda and Mags day! 🧑🏻 🧑🏻
10. So much author #input! 💻
11. Planning the Great Bueno Art Heist. 🖼️
12. Mixing up something smooth and creami for dessert. 🍦
13. Singing along with the greats. 🚗 🎵 🎤
14. A beautiful bouquet 🌸, a steak dinner 🍖 and a roam-about to kick off the weekend.
15. We have grout and it looks great! 🛁
16. 57 and in one piece! Birthday songs 🎵, burgers 🍔, bookstore 📖, and Bobcorn 🎁.
17. Hot, delicious herb rolls. Thanks, TJ!
18. Fixtures! We have bath fixtures! 🚿
19. Wrote myself straight into the {{do better}} brackets. 😂 🎯 😂
20. Who knew flooring could be so exciting!!!
21. Relaxing after a busy day!
22. Bill's birthday 🎂! "What do I get for \$20? Just got my government check..." 🤔
23. The day when Mrs. Ethridge bought a bunch of silly household toys.
24. A lovey lady renewed my expired driver's license with a smile. 😊
25. Starting to feather the nest! 🛁
26. Inaugural bubble bath complete!
27. Thankful for terrific turkey 🍗, snuggling in for tv time 📺, and fantastic water pressure in our renovated shower 🚿!
28. A date to Dillard's, a little squirrel 🐿️ and her guys. ❤️
29. Rainy Saturday afternoon naps. 🛌

30. Unattended at the Home Depot, Margaret loaded the back of her SUV with preliminary Christmas decor. 🎄

December 2025 #happythings

1. A long, hot bath on a cold, rainy night. ☁️ ❄️ 🧊
2. Kathy sent me Edgar Allan Poe's cover of Last Christmas. 😊 🎧 🎶
3. Water pressure so good it makes a person feel guilty. 🚿
4. A lovely evening catching up with Deb by the Roku fireplace. 🔥
5. Christmas shopping 🛒 🎁 for little stinkers.
6. Zero books sold, but a lovely day with Brinda at the Searcy signing. 📖
7. Super productive Sunday! ✅
8. Restorative cuddling on a Monday-Monday. ❤️
9. Bill loves my serene beauty. 🌸
10. Celebrating 7 years at RSG. I am a lucky lady! 🚂
11. Date night at the Purple Cow. 🐮 💜
12. Kicked off a Swiftie weekend with parts 1&2 of the Eras docuseries. 🎁
13. Taylor Swift yoga and tarot. 🧘 🎵 🎸 🙏
14. Wrapping pretty presents for my guy. 🎁
15. Lavender and forget me not bath salts. 🌸
16. Movie date with Deb! 🎬 🎥
17. Took a night off from everything.
18. Haircuts ✂️ and La Hacienda. 🍷
19. Another delightfully rambunctious RSG Christmas party. 🎄 🎁
20. Took my day of rest early this week. 😊
21. Mt. Chex Mix.
22. My sister outfitted me for Diet Coke consumption. 😄
23. Picked up a little Khalúa for my cocoa. 🎄
24. A warm bowl of chili for a quiet Christmas Eve.
25. The softest Christmas with my sweet guy. 🧑🏻🎅
26. A productive Boxing Day! ✅
27. Breakfast at the Frontier Diner. 🍳 🍷 🍴
28. Becoming a shopaholic in Sophie Kinsella's memory.
29. Una larga charla con Jewels. Viva la #duolingo familia. ES
30. We've moved back into our room! 🛏️ 🚿
31. Slept like a baby! 😴