

A re-Introduction

I think it is time for a *re-* introduction. I started blogging about 4 years ago (maybe it was 5?) and I would say I am a completely different person now than I was at that time.

When I started blogging I was sad. Sad a lot. Sad because me and Matt were having trouble TTC and it felt like everyone around us was getting pregnant. I just couldn't understand why we weren't being blessed with a baby that we had always longed for. It was hard and I was in a lot of pain so I started the blog to express my feelings and connect with other people that were going through the same thing. Well, four (or five) years down the road I am sitting here to *re-* introduce myself to you all because my dream eventually came true. I am a mom. SO..

Hey there! I am Jennifer Vanzant! I am a SAHM of three babies under 3. Yes, I still call them babies sometimes because they're in fact *my* babies. I am married to the love of my life and he just so happens to be my best friend too. So our long story in the short version: We got married in November of 2008, went through an IVF cycle in May 2011, had twins December 2011, found out we were pregnant when they were 7 months old, didn't find out the gender, had a beautiful baby girl in April 2013. That's right. A lot has happened since I began blogging. I guess you can say *life* happened. And we were blessed with the life we had always wanted. We are up to our heads in Little's and life is chaotic but we love every single freaking minute of it.

I am a mom. I am not the person I use to be. I think its time to own this new person because I really *really* like her. After having kids you change. Most change for the better and some change for the worst. I changed for the better. And you know what? I love the person I have become. People always use to say they wanted the old Jenn to "come back" but sorry people that Jenn is gone. I am a mom now and I'm owning it. I use to

be very outgoing, loud, irresponsible, careless, "fun Jenn". Now? I am conservative, still outgoing, a little shy sometimes, loyal, and responsible. After having kids I changed. I admit it. But I love this person I have become and I love my life. So I have decided to introduce the "new Jenn" to y'all too. I love my kids and my husband, DIY projects, blogging, Pinterest, party planning, COFFEE, and IG. I wake up at 6 am to get work done (and drink all the coffee before the kids wake up) , my kids wake up around 8:45, they take a nap around 1, I get more work done, they wake up between 2:30-3, I play with them the rest of the day, they go to bed at 7:15-7:30, I clean and get some more work done, make Matt a lunch, try and get a blog post up (which I haven't been great at lately), sit down to watch General Hospital from that day, get in bed around 10:30 and don't fall asleep until 11:30. It might sound boring to you but its our life and we all love it. Its a great schedule and we all know what to expect every.single.day. Now don't get me wrong, there are lots of days where we get off and go out or spend the day in Birmingham but most of our days look like this at home. I started all my kids on MOC (moms on call) when they were two weeks old and we've all developed great schedules from the routines we use to have. I really didn't have a choice with scheduling, I went from no babies to two babies and shortly after that three under 15 months. Scheduling worked for us and because of it my kids sleep when they need to and are awake when they are suppose to be. Me and Matt also get time to ourselves because of scheduling. No, it doesn't always go according to plan and yes sometimes they do fight sleep, but *most* of the time it works.

I have recently ventured into a *work-from-home-mom*. I started a little Etsy shop called Junk By Jenn. I make party decorations, vinyl monograms, car decals and more! It had been hard but worth it. I am trying to help the hubs out a little bit. Even if its just a little bit, I can still say I am trying. Its hard financially raising three so young. We go

through 172 diapers every TWO weeks. Yes, you did read that right. BUT we officially have the twins potty trained so that number has dropped dramatically. In fact, our subscribe and save has lasted all month long this time! I usually have to get another delivery or just go buy more at Wal-mart before the next scheduled delivery. If you have no clue what I am talking about then you are in luck because I am going to briefly tell you about it. Amazon.com has "subscribe & save" where you subscribe to get a product every month (or as often as you'd like) and you save money by getting the subscription. If you subscribe to over 5 things you get discounted %20. I have 5 things so I get that. I subscribe to toilet paper, paper towels, wipes, diapers and magic erasers. After all you can never have too many magic erasers when you have kids. Here are a few deals going on right now and remember to check the subscribe and save!

So lets go over everything shall we? We tried and tried, we had kids, life got chaotic when the third entered the world, I became boring, started a business venture but loving every single minute of my life. As I sit here ,while sipping my coffee and listening to the white noise from the monitors, introducing my new self to y'all; I can't help but count all of my blessings and thank God for them all. My life is crazy, hard and so much fun but seeing it through the eyes of your kids is truly amazing. They are my life and they teach me something I didn't know or know how to appreciate every single day. Whether it is a lizard on the back porch, flying a simple kite or taking a walk; seeing it through their eyes makes everything so fun and amazing.

So .. here I am and my name is *Mom*. Its the best name/job in the whole world and I couldn't be happier being just *mom*. After all it is the most rewarding thing I have ever experienced.

