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Pyrenees-German Shepherd-Chow mix).

Yes, I know some worry about having this artificial intelligence that is tapped into your Wi-Fi, has a camera, has mapped your house, is owned by Amazon, and has intimate knowledge of your domestic dirt. But, for me, living with less fur is worth giving up a little privacy.

Lesson: Today, 53% of U.S. households have a dog and 36% have a cat. That's a lot of fur flying. Seven months later, I can say that getting a Roomba was one of the two best home-related tech investments I made all year. You'll read about the other one next week.

In MAY, I used Mother's Day as an excuse to dish out even more unasked for advice than usual. As the mom of two, stepmom of three, "glamma" to five, and a lifestyle columnist, giving out unwanted opinions is my job, so I exploited this holiday to do just that.

Lesson: As I doled out motherly advice regarding life, love, work, and what to wear, I realized how much of it also applied to home design. Here are two examples:

- They can't win if you don't play. The comparison game is a cancer. Compete where it counts, in school or sports, but not where it doesn't. Make your home beautiful for you and those you live with, not to impress anyone else.

- You can wear short. You can wear low and you can wear tight. But you can't wear it all at the same time. Pick one. In home design, when everything in a room says look at me, the room loses its allure.

In JUNE, I discovered I had half as many forks and spoons as knives. What happened?

"Forks and spoons get lost to trash cans, lunch sacks, picnics, and

camping trips," said Greg Owens, co-owner of Sherrill Manufacturing, the last remaining maker of flatware in the United States. "Apart from what you may have filched from the college cafeteria, flatware is one of those purchases you typically only make twice in your life."

Choosing well is important. Most of us put this common household utensil into our mouths 40 times a day. Now that I was about to buy flatware a second and final time, I wanted to get this right, so I dug in to find out what makes the cutlery cut.

Lesson: Try it before you buy it. My husband and I ordered samples of four different place settings and began a fork-to-fork competition.

We wanted flatware that was pleasant to hold with good weight and contours, that was strong enough so spoons wouldn't bend in hard ice cream, that looked good next to our dishes, and, most challenging, that we both agreed on. Now we're trying not to lose any.

Join me next week for a recap of highlights from the second half of 2022.

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Technology to the rescue Twice a week, Rosie the Roomba roams the house cleaning up after Luke, our large, shedding dog, and helps manage "fur-stration." Photo courtesy of Marni Jameson

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