

- Aria built the house when dad threw away the Barbie cell phone for being too loud. The dollhouse silent enough for Aria to enjoy weekday afternoons while mom was at work. She decorated it thinking about her home away from home—grandma's house.
- Grandma kept a pretty music box filled with jewelry in a drawer. Aria never wanted to take the jewels out but she felt she knew a secret part of her grandma's life when she first discovered it. Elegance from another lifetime. Something this key unlocked.
- Sometimes Aria sat in front of the TV and zoned out. She'd forget about the yelling at home, mom crying, dishes crashing on the floor.
- A photo of her aunt sat on the bookshelf. Her mom's twin that died in a car accident. The sister who traveled. The woman Aria wanted to grow up to be.