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ABOUT THE BOOK

Homeschool planning is about more than wishful thinking.

Do you worry that you won't cover the subjects that your children need? Or maybe you create elaborate plans but never seem to be able to follow through with them. Do your lesson plans end up being a mishmash of crossed-off dates, arrows, and erasures?

You need a new way to look at homeschool planning.

Plan Your Year is a practical approach to homeschool planning that breaks free of grids and unrealistic expectations, focusing instead on the needs of the students, the teacher (yes, you!), and the busy life you lead.

Inside you will discover:

- A step-by-step plan with action items. Complete the list and have a flexible and fabulous plan for your homeschool year ready to go in just days.
- Three vital steps you can take before pulling out your credit card to buy curriculum, thereby avoiding buyer's remorse.
- Practical ways to conquer the homeschool mom's biggest enemy: decision fatigue.
- How to eliminate overwhelm and guilt with simple scheduling hacks. You have never seen a school schedule like this before!
- Why lesson plan grids are the first step to homeschool plan failure. Learn what to use instead or how to adapt your premade curriculum grids for success with one simple step.
- Ideas from across the homeschool community because one-size planning doesn't fit all--a variety of options for each planning step are included! Choose the options that fit your personality and style best.

Plan Your Year is the homeschool planning guide you have been waiting for. Get the direction you need without the guilt.



ABOUT PAM

When Pam Barnhill's not homeschooling her three kids, she can be found empowering other homeschoolers at pambarnhill.com.

She is the host of "The Homeschool Solutions Show" podcast, rated among the top 10 for K-12 education on iTunes, and the author of *Better Together: Strengthen Your Family, Simplify Your Homeschool, and Savor the Subjects that Matter Most*. Pam lives with her family in beautiful Alabama.

INTERVIEW TOPICS

Pam is available for interviews to chat about:

- Creating a homeschool vision statement
- Writing goals with our kids (and ourselves) in mind
- Homeschool planning for a range of homeschool styles and educational philosophies
- Homeschool planning for multiple kids or a wide age-range
- The nuts and bolts of scheduling
- Choosing curriculum and resources
- Homeschool organization

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Why do you love homeschool planning?
- What are some important steps of homeschool planning that are often overlooked?
- Why is planning your year about so much more than choosing which curriculum to use?
- You talk a lot in the book about starting with the people in our homeschool, our kids and ourselves, and not getting too focused on outcomes, arbitrary timelines, and traditional brick-and-mortar school practices. Why is this important? How do you remind yourself of this when needed?
- In your experience, what are some of the most common planning pitfalls that homeschool families fall into? What's the hardest part of planning? How does *Plan Your Year* make it easier?
- What are some mistakes you've made in the past when planning your homeschool year?
- What have you done in the past when you're mid-year and your plan just isn't working?
- What are some ways that you've included your children in the planning process?
- How has thinking of books, materials, and curriculum as "resources" changed your approach to homeschooling?
- How have your own thoughts about lesson-planning changed from your days as a public school teacher until now?
- What are some tricks to designing a great schedule and/or school routine that have made the biggest difference in your own home?

