

# Tiny Love Stories: ‘We Couldn’t Stop Ourselves’

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## Three Seasons in a Shared Bed

Six days after my wedding, my mother received a diagnosis of Stage 4 lung cancer. I paused my new marriage to care for her. When we found an open clinical trial, my mother and I moved from Illinois to a shoe-box studio in Manhattan. I was 13 weeks pregnant. After her injections, we would coo over my ultrasound pictures, sample vegan ice cream and make it home for “American Idol.” Most nights we giggled ourselves to sleep in our shared bed. We became magicians, fitting 30 years of life we wouldn’t get to share into one spring, summer and fall. — *Nikki Campo*



Enjoying Pier 17, one of our favorite places in Manhattan.