

2013 in 2013 Declutter Challenge

November is the Month of Consolidation

It's Month #11, which means you've worked your way through almost an entire year of targeted decluttering! Congratulations!

As we come into the busiest time of year, the last thing we need is a great long list of extra things to do.

So instead, this month is all about tightening up and re-visiting the work you've done throughout the year. And in fact, this is where you really start to see the benefits. Now you will see just how much less work it is to keep on top of things. No longer is it a completely daunting task to declutter the kitchen or wardrobe. The hours you've put in over the year have made an enormous difference!

That being said, there is almost certainly still work to be done. (Sorry - no time off just yet!) Instead of focusing on just one area of the home, this month's tasks cover all major zones. **We're aiming to do a quick declutter of all main areas, consolidating the work you've done to this point. The key areas to focus on are the flat surfaces in each room. Decluttering these spaces gives you the best results, and they are most likely to have accumulated clutter over the past few months.**

While you may think your time is better spent elsewhere, like with any new skill chances are you have gotten better at decluttering over the year. I can almost guarantee you will find many things that were passed over during your first (or even second) round of decluttering that you can easily let go of now.

Similarly, the process of decluttering has probably become very familiar to you now, so the time you need to allow for each area is much less. 10-30 minutes is all you will need to spend in each space, which is easily divided over a month, or tackled in one or two large chunks of time over a weekend or evening. **In fact, why not challenge yourself by setting a timer for each space you declutter, and try to beat the clock? It's amazing the motivation you get when there's a little competition!**

If you do need a refresher on the best process to use when decluttering, you can follow the guidelines from Month #1 ([find them here](#)).

The November Checklist

Print this checklist off and work through it over the course of the month.

- Bedrooms
 - Bedside tables
 - Bed (linen, cushions, clutter)
 - Seating
 - Drawers
 - Wardrobe (target piles)
 - Under beds (kids particularly)

- Bathrooms
 - Cabinets
 - Drawers (empty, out of date, unused)
 - Decor
 - Bath toys

- Living & Family
 - TV unit
 - Drawers
 - Coffee table
 - Side tables
 - Lounges/Armchairs (cushions, throws)
 - Bookshelves

- Kitchen & Dining
 - Benchtops (particularly clutter zones)
 - Cutlery Drawer
 - Utensils Drawer
 - Dining table (decor, clutter)
 - Buffet/Secondary Storage

- Entry
 - Hall table
 - Seating
 - Coatrack/Hatstand

- Laundry
 - Benchtops (piles, ironing, clothes)
 - Cupboards

Remember: Keep count of the items you recycle, donate, sell or throw away and share your progress with us in comments section of the 2013 in 2013 posts.