

2013 in 2013 Declutter Challenge

December is the Month of Preparation and Celebration

This is it - the final month of the 2013 in 2013 Declutter Challenge. Congratulations, you made it through!

[Last month's tasks and checklist](#) were all about consolidating the work you've done this year. This means that, although you probably don't feel like it - there's far less for you to do in terms of decluttering now that it's December.

That being said, if you're still feeling overwhelmed whenever you look around your home, never fear! I've written the [Amazingly Awesome Pre-Holiday Declutter Guide](#) to help get things under control within the week. [Check it out here](#), and then come back to the short list of tasks assigned to this month.

The length of time taken to complete his month's task list will vary, depending on who lives in your home, the current level of clutter, the ways you celebrate the holidays at this time of year and how or if you decorate specifically for the season.

Allow approximately 30-60 minutes for each area, remembering that we're aiming for a light declutter. Who needs a huge list of to-dos at this time of year? There's already enough going on!

The specific areas of focus this month are toys, holiday decor, the kitchen and any guest rooms you may have. After this you will have not only cleared out the clutter in our focus areas, but also have the space to deal with any incoming gifts you or your family might receive.

As usual, the best way to declutter a space is to empty it and only put back what belongs there (as outlined in the [guidelines from Month #1](#)). Considering this month is all about speed and light decluttering, you can even just grab the surface clutter. Hopefully after a year of decluttering, that's all there is left anyway!

The December Checklist

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

- Toys (Bedrooms and Playroom)
 - Soft toys
 - Toys no longer used
 - Broken, torn or worn out toys
 - Forgotten toys - under beds etc

- Holiday Decor
(As you bring out your decorations, declutter those that you no longer want, need or like)
 - Decorations
 - Serving platters, bowls etc
 - Linen (tablecloths, handtowels etc)

- Kitchen
 - Fridge (inside and out)
 - Top of the fridge
 - Junk drawer
 - Utensils
 - Benchtops (keep clear, placing appliances in cupboards where possible)
 - Microwave (inside and out)
 - Oven (inside and out)

- Guest Rooms
 - Under the beds
 - Side tables
 - Linen - throws, cushions, blankets

And that's it! Thank you so much for taking part in the 2013 in 2013 Declutter Challenge. I'm working on what we may do in 2014. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please [send me an email](#) or [leave a comment on this post](#).

Thanks so much!
Brooke xx

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.