

September Sparkle: 10 Fun Ways to Declutter Before the Holidays

**Because nothing says “Welcome, Holidays!”
like a home that’s ready to shine.**

1. The 15-Minute Blitz – Set a timer, pick a room, and see how much you can toss, donate, or tidy before the buzzer. (Make it a race with the family!)
2. The “One In, One Out” Rule – Bought something new lately? Let go of something old to keep the balance.
3. The Mug Mugshot – How many mugs do you really need? Keep your favorites, donate the rest.
4. The Coat Closet Check – If it hasn’t been worn since last winter, it’s time to set it free.
5. Holiday Host Test – Imagine guests arriving tomorrow. What’s the first pile you’d hide? Clear it now!
6. Pantry Peek – Toss expired items and donate extras you won’t use before the year ends.
7. The 12-12-12 Game – Find 12 items to throw away, 12 to donate, and 12 to put back where they belong.
8. Digital Declutter – A tidy inbox and cleared phone photos = less holiday stress.
9. Shelfie Refresh – Rearrange or lighten your shelves for a fresh look before you add holiday décor.
10. Celebrate & Savor – When the clutter’s gone, light a candle, pour a cup of tea, and enjoy the calm before the holiday magic begins.