

JANUARY 2014

Good!

Housekeeping

98
HOT
IDEAS
TO START
YOUR YEAR!

SLOW-COOKER SUPPERS

Less shopping + chopping

PUT **\$75** IN
YOUR POCKET
EVERY MONTH

ORGANIZE EVERYTHING

Even if you've only
got **10 minutes**

WAKE UP HAPPY :-)

when it's cold and dark out

YOUR LIFE, SIMPLIFIED

Tools to make
every day easier

QUEEN LATIFAH

"MY FAITH COMES FIRST"

How she survived her
darkest moment—
and found joy

LIMITED WARRANTY BY CONSUMER
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
Since 1909
REPLACEMENT OR REFUND IF DEFECTIVE

Organizing made Easy

Whether you've got
10 minutes or an
afternoon, these
shortcuts will get
your rooms blissfully
clutter-free—fast

10
MINUTES

Clear off the countertop

Find a new home for any
appliances you don't use
daily (or close to it). If
you hand-wash dishes, dry
them on a rack like the
Siliconezone by Karim Sink
Roll (\$50); it rolls up for easy
storage when not in use.

4 tips FOR EVERY PROJECT

- **Contain yourself**
Have bags or boxes labeled so you can sort as you go: Trash, Recycle, Sell, Donate, and Relocate (to another room).
- **Take everything out**
Seeing it all at once is the single best way to know what's causing your clutter!
- **Pick winners first**
Don't look for things to get rid of. Instead, think about what's truly useful. Put those items back first, then address what's left.
- **Stay in the room**
It's easy to get distracted, so don't: Commit to the job and keep at it until it's done!



TAP TIME FOR TIPS

15 MINUTES

Unearth the under-sink zone

25 MINUTES

Pare down your utensil drawer

25 MINUTES

Streamline your storage

30 MINUTES

Reorganize the refrigerator



Clutter Hot Spot
THE BEDROOM

*Have a spring fling early:
Toss or donate old clothes,
outdated jewelry, and
abandoned fitness gear.
Fewer space stealers
will mean more serenity
for you this year*

CALL IN A PRO
*Overwhelmed
with stuff? The
National Association
of Professional
Organizers (napo.net)
can hook you up
with a local
expert*



Declutter the dresser top



Set your chair free



*Give your nightstand
a clean sweep*



*Spiff up your
lingerie drawer*

Clutter Hot Spot **HOME OFFICE**



Donate **FOR GOOD**

- **Linens for pet rescuers**
Animal shelters often use donations of soft blankets, thick towels, and linens to make the cages more comfortable. To find a shelter near you, visit pets911.com.
- **Books for soldiers**
Operation Paperback (operationpaperback.org) sends new and gently used books to troops overseas and distributes children's books to military families in the U.S.
- **Furniture for victims of natural disasters**
Give used sofas, tables, and more to the National Furniture Bank Association (furniturebanks.org) to benefit those hit by storms, floods, and quakes.

TAP TIME FOR TIPS

5 MINUTES

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30 MINUTES

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40 MINUTES

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45 MINUTES

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NeatReceipts Mobile Scanner, \$180, The Neat Company; neat.com.

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