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First Things First...

- Every item in your home should have a purpose, a specific spot it “lives” in or should be something of value to you – does it hold a special memory, do you love it as much as you did at first, etc.?
- If you haven’t worn it or used it in over a year, chances are, you won’t be wearing or using it again.
- Before starting, gather two large boxes or heavy duty bags. Mark one as trash and one as sell. Place them in an out-of-the-way spot such as your garage, laundry room, mud room or even your guest room if no one is there that often.
- How do I know what to trash or what to sell? This is where you gotta use your best judgment. Generally, I trash all old cosmetics, lotions, medicines, etc. I will also trash clothing with stains on them or turn them into painting clothes and trash the old painting clothes. Anything else typically goes into the sell pile.

Day 1

Guest Bedroom – Clean Out:

- Closets
- Dressers / Nightstands / Chest of Drawers
- Under the Bed
- Place all discarded items in appropriate trash or sell boxes.

Day 2

Master Bedroom – Clean Out:

- Closets – get rid of shoes and/or clothing that you haven't worn in a year.
- Dressers / Nightstands / Chest of Drawers
- Under the Bed
- Go through jewelry (the fake stuff) get rid of any pieces you haven't worn in over a year.
- Place all discarded items in appropriate trash or sell boxes.

Day 3

Master Bathroom

- Go through all drawers and cabinets in your vanity and/or your linen closet. Toss out any old medicines, toiletries, etc. If you haven't used that \$30 hair gel in a year, chances are you won't be using it anytime soon. Take an inventory of your towels. Toss out any that are stained or that you don't use anymore. Old towels take up valuable space quickly.

Day 4

Kid's Room(s)

- Go through closets, dressers, and chest of drawers. Get rid of any clothes that don't fit or socks that don't have mates.
- Tackle the toy box – get rid of toys they haven't played with in a while (I usually say 6 months or so). Get rid of anything that is broken or is missing pieces. When in doubt – get rid of it!
- Clean out under the bed.
- Place all discarded items in appropriate trash or sell boxes.

Day 5

Remaining Bathrooms

- Go through all drawers and cabinets in your vanity and/or your linen closet. Toss out any old medicines, toiletries, etc. Take an inventory of your towels. Toss out any that are stained or that you don't use anymore.

Day 6

Hall Closets and all other Closets

- Clean out any coats that you and your family don't wear anymore.
- Straighten and put things in their proper place within the closet.
- Get rid of anything else that doesn't belong there – either relocate to proper place or place in the trash or sell bins.

Day 7

Living Room

- Clean out any cabinets, entertainment units, tv stands, etc.
- Take a good look around at everything you have sitting on top of surfaces (like little home accessories) Do you still love it? Does it serve a purpose? Is the area just looking too cluttered? Edit as needed. Not sure you want to toss it? Just live without it there for a few weeks and then decide.
- Go through those stacks of magazines you have lying around. Tear out pages you earmarked for inspiration, toss everything else.

Day 8

Den / Family Room

- Clean out any cabinets, entertainment units, tv stands, etc.
- Take a good look around at everything you have sitting on top of surfaces (like little home accessories) Do you still love it? Does it serve a purpose? Is the area looking too cluttered? Edit as needed. Not sure you want to toss it? Just live without it there for a few weeks and then decide.

Day 9

Kitchen

- Go through every single drawer and cabinet. Put things in their proper place and get rid of any cooking utensils, tools, gadgets, etc. that no longer work. If you've put away things in those upper cabinets that you haven't used in forever, consider getting rid of them and taking advantage of that storage space for something else.
- Check dates on all the food in your pantry. If expired, throw it away. Got stuff that hasn't expired, but you don't think you will eat? Donate it to a food bank.

Day 10

Dining Room

- Go through your buffet and china cabinet. Chances are that many of these pieces you don't use that often, but they may be meaningful to you (like Grandma's platter). Simply get rid of unwanted pieces and put things in their proper place if they aren't already there.

Day 11

Office

- Go through your filing cabinets and dispose of un-needed items as needed.
- Go through your desk. Take care of all those post-it notes – do what they say or put that information into a more permanent location like a notebook designated for that information so your desk isn't so cluttered.

Day 12

Mudroom / Laundry Room / Craft Room

- These areas are going to be different for everyone. In general, just go through all your cabinets, drawers, and shelving in these areas. Put everything in its proper place and toss what you haven't used in a year.
- If you have a craft room, you may be like me and tend to accumulate a mass of craft items that you end up never using. My new rule is that if I haven't used it in a year and I have no clue what I would ever use it for, its going.

Day 13

Garage

- Pull out the cars and go through every shelf. If you've been hanging onto gallons of paint for years, chances are its bad now, just go ahead and junk it. If you have accumulated a mass of plant pots, scale it down some.

Day 14

Evaluate Your Sell Pile

- By this time, hopefully you have created a pretty good sell pile. Go through the entire box and determine what you think you could sell on Craigslist, on Facebook Yard Sale Pages, or even on Ebay if its a higher value item.
- For me, I have found that baby items, groups of clothing, and household items (such as home décor items) sell well on Craigslist and on Facebook Yard Sale Pages. Typically, if I want to sell something for \$10 or more, I put it on Craigslist or a Facebook Yard Sale Page, if I would sell it for less than \$10, I save it for a yard sale. More tips and information on selling items on Craigslist & Facebook Yard Sale Groups can be found on my post here: <http://rainonatinroof.com/2013/09/how-i-find-money/> I'll also be writing another post with more tips on this subject to go along with this printable soon. Be sure you are signed up for email updates (<http://eepurl.com/MVih9>) so you don't miss it.
- Once you have decided what you want to sell online, take photos of each item – both full length and detailed photos of the item. Also, make a note of each items measurements / size.

Day 15

Sell It!

- You've done all the hard work, now its time to sell all that stuff you don't want anymore! List your items on Craigslist and/or Facebook Yard Sale Pages. Be sure to include photos, measurements and/or sizes. If you are willing to take a little less for your item, put OBO (or best offer) beside your price and people will be more likely to offer you something less. On that note, if you most definitely want to get a certain price for an item, I suggest asking a bit more for it, so that you have some wiggle room. Also be sure to include how you want people to contact you. I highly suggest meeting people rather than having them come to your house to pick up an item. **Its just safer.**