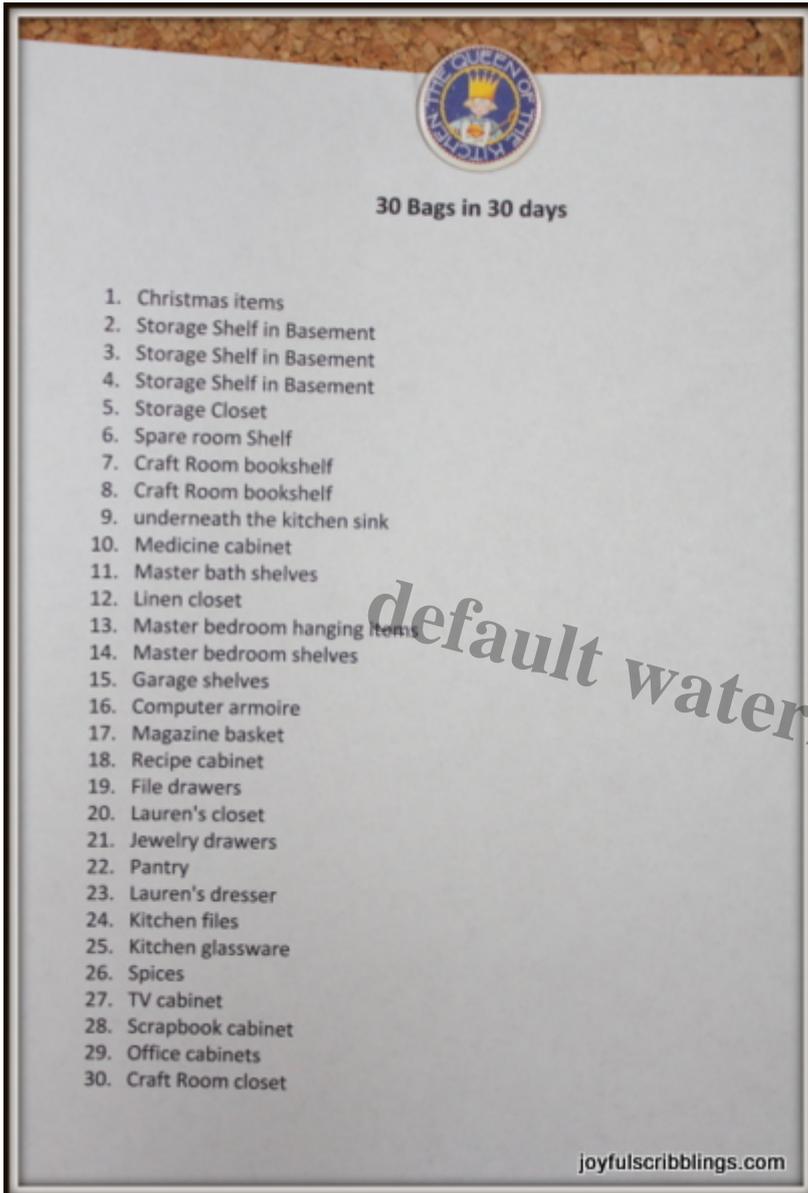




## Best Purging Tips

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There are three times of the year I feel really compelled to de-clutter and purge things: right after Christmas, the Spring and September. I like to have some sort of a game plan to help keep me focused. I have to be careful though because I tend to spend too much time planning and not enough doing. After searching the internet, the following ideas are the ones I found most helpful.

Elise and Emma at [A Beautiful Mess](#) shared their secrets for working smarter and not harder.

1. **make lists and stick to them** – take a little time to come up with a game plan and list your projects or tasks at hand.
2. **do what you must to avoid distractions** – for example don't answer the phone unless it's necessary while working on your project or stop to check facebook and email.
3. **prioritize** – start with only one or two projects at a time. I personally have a habit of starting too many things at one time then wind up feeling overwhelmed. Don't start a new project until you've completed one.

I found a list on pinterest via [little lucy lu](#) titled 40 bags in 40 days. The idea is to list 40 spaces that need to be cleaned out. I decided to list 30 things and do one each day. I can pick items on the list at random depending on how much time I have each day. After I've purged some areas I can then go back and organize. It can be too overwhelming for me to try and do both at the same time. This way I can focus on getting rid of things instead of just rearranging piles of stuff. If you're wanting more of a full year game plan, I found a nice calendar of ideas for each day of the year at [my simpler life](#).

Instead of bombarding you with a ton of organizational tips, I've decided to share them with you in stages as I work on my own home. If you're already at the stage where you've purged and are ready to organize, the following blogs have tons of ideas:

[I heart organizing](#)

[creative organizing](#)

[delightful order](#)

[modern parents messy kids](#)

You can also check out my organization board on pinterest. I've also written a few organization tips on these past posts. You can click on them to take you to the post.

[Bathroom Organizational](#), [Laundry Room Before and After](#)

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