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5 Simple New Year's Resolutions for Your Home

It's easy to overlook your home's appearance and feel over time. Most of us are too busy to notice how cluttered, disorganized and neglected our home has become over time due to our busy schedules. But it's a great feeling to live in a clean, organized space and there's no better time to do that than at the beginning of each new year. Here are five simple things you can do right now to start the year off feeling organized and in control:

PRETEND THAT YOUR HOME IS FOR SALE: And then walk through the front door and each room as if you will be the potential buyer. What do you love? What do you not love? What needs to be fixed? Make notes and then put together a calendar and budget to get those things done over the coming 12 months. Deferred maintenance creates stress and is the enemy of a home's value, so make sure you get things fixed as soon as they break.

DECLUTTER EVERY ROOM: We tend to accumulate things over time, and most of us eventually run out of space for all our treasures. Take inventory, donate the stuff you don't absolutely love, and look into ways to organize and store the things that are keepers. For example, replace an entry table with a cubicle entry piece that has shelves and storage cubbies. Put your things--dog leashes, sunglasses, keys and so forth--into baskets that fit into the cubicles. This is

an attractive way to store your necessary items in an organized way and doesn't take up any extra room.

REFRESH YOUR OUTDOOR ENTRY: Your home's entry creates a first impression to anyone coming across your threshold. Make sure it's a good one. It's easy to overlook dirt, debris, spider webs and clutter as you come and go, often in a hurry. Stop and take a good look. Remove unattractive items, knock down spider webs, wipe down your front door, and sweep and/or hose off your front entry way. And maybe it's time for a new doormat. Refreshing your entry way can have a huge psychological impact on how you feel when you come and go from your home.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS: Is every closet in your home full to bursting? It can be difficult to set aside time to deal with all the stuff in your closets, but again, it's well worth the emotional pay-off. Start with your clothes closet and get rid of items you haven't worn in two years or more unless they have true sentimental value. And don't forget to get a receipt for your charitable donation, which is typically a tax deduction.

RETHINK YOUR ROLE AS A CONSUMER: After spending considerable time decluttering, donating and cleaning, you may find yourself rethinking the reasons you purchase new things. When you have that urge to shop, take a breath and be mindful about your purchases. This will help you become more picky about what you bring home. Become a dedicated curator of your treasures and start by only purchasing items you absolutely love.

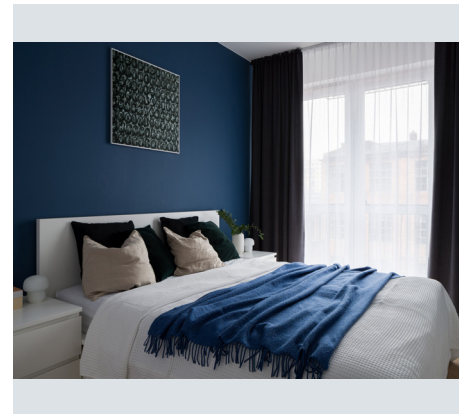
January Calendar

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day

January is National Hobby Month

Homeowner Tips



Refresh Your Walls

Start by wiping and cleaning walls to eliminate any dust and grime. This process not only revitalizes your living space but it also reveals any imperfections that may require patching or repainting. Once you have clean walls you can refresh any walls that may have faded or yellowed over time with a new coat of paint.

2025 Color of the Year (According to HGTV and Sherwin-Williams)

Guess what? You may not have known that green can be a neutral, but it can. Introducing HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams color for 2025, Quietude.

Quietude is a mossy green paint color with soft blue undertones. It works well as both an accent color or a neutral background color, depending on its application.

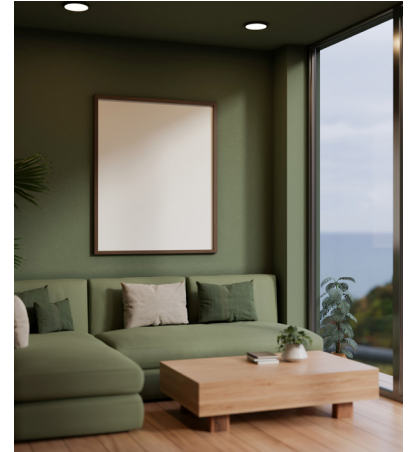
Quietude is one of ten selected paint colors chosen to be part of the line's 2025 Color Collection of the Year, known as "Naturally Refined." As we trend away from predominantly white and gray everything, earth tones and outdoor colors have taken center stage. Quietude evokes desert sage, simplicity and

slower living. The color conveys a sense of peace that is intended to soothe and add a feeling of sanctuary to your home.

Not surprisingly, it pairs well with other trending Sherwin-Williams colors, like Convivial Yellow, Sequin, Nomadic Desert, Nutshell, Spiced Cider, Snowbound, Stucco, Delft, and Rocky River.

If Quietude could talk it would say that 2025 is shaping up to be the year of the home as a sacred haven, ensuring peace and quiet from the storm.

And it creates the perfect backdrop for the latest home decor trends that embrace natural fibers, wood, and organic shapes. Keep these colors in mind the next time you are looking to freshen your interior paint colors.



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Detox Recipe for January - Turmeric Latte

INGREDIENTS:

- Turmeric Paste
- ¼ cup turmeric powder
- 3 tbsp coconut oil
- Freshly ground black pepper

LATTE:

- 2 cups coconut milk
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1" piece ginger, peeled and sliced into thin coins
- Honey, to taste (optional)

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: Whisk together the turmeric powder with 1 cup water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until paste-like. Remove from heat and whisk in coconut oil and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Set aside.

STEP 2: Combine the coconut milk, cinnamon stick, ginger, honey if using and 1 tablespoon turmeric paste in a medium saucepan. (Let the remaining turmeric paste cool completely, then store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.) Bring the mixture to a slow simmer over medium heat for about 5 minutes to allow the ingredients to steep. Remove from the heat and strain, then serve immediately.

