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# Fresh starts

CLARE HUDSON, an interior design expert from Steyning, gives her style tips for the new year.

January is notorious for fresh starts and resolutions. However well-meaning our intentions, the reality can sometime overwhelm us and before two weeks are up we have claimed that glass of wine or missed that daily jog.

Our advice would be to keep your ambitions realistic so that they are attainable. When it comes to our homes, January can be a daunting month.

After the hubbub of Christmas coupled with the challenges of dismantling the tree, along with packing up the decorations, sending the children back to school and gearing yourself up for work, the thought of

addressing home projects seems low on our list of priorities. After the decadence of the festive season, money is often in short supply, along with our energy levels, so our interior design advice would be to take small steps and focus on the thing that will help you the most – storage. No doubt your house will be bursting yet again with lots of new presents all of which now need to find a home, so clever storage all over your house will be key to surviving this sudden influx.

By looking at key areas our product recommendations and four top tips will help you compartmentalize both the physical items as well as freeing your mind and soul.



## 1. Vitale Wall Unit & Ceramic Basin

The Vitale Bathroom Furniture Collection includes this minimalist wall unit & ceramic basin. The wall hung cabinet offers an excellent amount of storage whilst freeing up floor space; perfect for smaller bathrooms.

Price: £545.00

Frontline Bathrooms

0845 470 2427

[www.frontlinebathrooms.co.uk](http://www.frontlinebathrooms.co.uk)

## 2. Rope Handle Log Holder

If you like to see your logs stacked neatly by the fireside, this sturdy, stylish log holder is just the thing. With a strong rope handle for easy portability.

Price: £62.00

Grace & Glory

01271 370095

[www.graceandgloryhome.co.uk](http://www.graceandgloryhome.co.uk)



### 3. English Oak Box Settle

A staple of any hall or kitchen, this beautiful box settle is crafted from fine English oak and comes in five standard finishes, with plenty of storage space incorporated under the seat.

Price: £1,148.00

Titchmarsh & Goodwin

01473 252158

[www.titchmarsh-goodwin.co.uk](http://www.titchmarsh-goodwin.co.uk)

### 4. Garden Trading Chedworth Wall Unit

The much-loved Chedworth Wall Unit has been given a sharp new look. Swapping its customary chrome hooks for a simple shaker style wooden pegs on this new design, this Chedworth Wall Unit is indispensable for those essential 'bits' by the back door.

Price: £110.00

Garden Trading

01993 845559

[www.gardentrading.co.uk](http://www.gardentrading.co.uk)

### 5. Grey Herringbone Storage Bag Set

This storage bag set with faux leather detailing is perfect for storing smaller items.

Price: £32.00

Marquis & Dawe

01925 767611

[www.marquisanddawe.co.uk](http://www.marquisanddawe.co.uk)

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**JEWELLERY** – Even if you don't have a dedicated vanity area, storing and displaying your jewellery is something many of us don't do. Invariably most of us have it all lumped together in a single box with the result that not only do we wear the same pieces each day for months on end but that we actually forget about all the other lovely items. A nice compact but beautiful box such as the walnut Umbra Stowit will not only serve its purpose as a storage unit but it will look stylish in your bedroom.

**KEYS** – Depending on how many people live in your home, car keys and house keys can quickly clutter up any flat surface.

By having a dedicated key storage unit will negate this and you can start forgetting those daily 'have you seen my keys' conversations!

The Chedworth wall unit is particularly useful as you can store your dog leads, hessian shopping bags and other paraphernalia in the same unit.

However you tackle January 2017, make a fresh start this month to de-clutter and simplify your life.

**TOILETRIES** – organising yours and your family's toiletries can be a bit of a mind field. Many of us have potions for everything under the sun and more often than not it is our bathrooms that are cramped full of these products.

Drawers with pre-assigned dividers will not only ensure you have you a good clear out of all those out of date lotions but also help keep you on track in the future. Don't despair though as you don't need to buy a new drawer; simply find a collection of thin wooden boxes in various sizes and materials, so they can be mixed and matched to fit your drawer.

**BLANKETS** – every home has a selection of seasonal blankets and we believe that trunks, chests and baskets are ideal for storing these items. A trunk positioned at the end of a bed or baskets butting up to your sofa will not only create a polished, designed look for your room but offers a very practical solution to tidying away anything not in use.

