### **CLEAN MAMA'S**

# GUIDE TO A CLEAN HOME

FINDING PEACE IN YOUR ROUTINE



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#### **♦ GUIDE TO A CLEAN HOME** ❖

### **Quick Start Guide**

# Let's figure out the best way for you to clean YOUR home.

Instead of wasting time getting started, we're going to do it the Clean Mama Way. If you are looking for an easy way to clean your home while enjoy your busy life, this is it! It will take time and a little figuring out, but it's worth it and within no time you'll love the home you're in.

Just minutes a day, simple action steps, and no marathon cleaning sessions on the weekends is THE way to clean your home. Ready?

THE NEXT FEW PAGES HOLD YOUR QUICK START GUIDE TO A CLEAN AND COZY HOME THAT YOU CAN TRULY ENJOY.

#### 1. FIND YOUR WHY

It's important to determine WHY you want a clean home. Do you want it to look better, feel less stress, finally declutter from your move, invite people over, free time on the weekends, locate things quickly, save time.

| TAKE A | MINUTE | AND W | RITE | DOWN | YOUR | WHY. |
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#### 2. FIND YOUR TIME

Can you carve out a little time in the morning, afternoon, evening for a little routine? Start with a couple minutes – even 5 minutes will help and just START. The magic of a cleaning routine is knowing what to clean and when to clean it.



#### 3. THE DAILY TASKS

These five tasks are essential to the Clean Mama Routine + the secret to getting started with your clean home! Keep going with the Daily Tasks for a month. Tweak them, find the best time to do them, maybe batch some things on your day off.

- 1. MAKE BEDS
- 2. WIPE COUNTERS
- 3. CHECK FLOORS
- 4. CLUTTER
- 5. LAUNDRY

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### **Using the Clean Mama Routine**

# Grab the Daily Tasks Tracker on page 7 and do the following:



MAKE THE BEDS Start by making your bed. Do this every day for a week. If you have kids, and they can make their beds, encourage them to, but don't make it for them.



WIPE THE COUNTERS Once you have making beds down, wipe counters - this includes dishes and wiping down the kitchen table + counters for a week - don't add anything else.



CHECK THE FLOORS The next week sweep under the kitchen table or do a quick vacuum before you leave for work or at the end of the day - set a timer for 2 minutes, don't spend longer than that.



TACKLE THE CLUTTER Once you've added these tasks together and you're doing them most days, see how that feels. When you feel like you can add a little more, set a timer for whatever feels doable - 5 minutes? 15 minutes? The amount of time doesn't matter, what matters is that you are building a little habit each and every day to deal with clutter - this can be mail, kids papers, a stack of stuff that needs to be sifted through - do this while watching a movie or show at the end of the day.



DO THE LAUNDRY THEN, once you have the first 4 DAILY TASKS rolling, add one load of laundry. Do it from start to finish - again, this will be difficult but it will be time and sanity saving as you get in the groove with it. Run the load before bed, toss in the dryer before work and then quickly fold it while watching TV or better yet, teach your kids to do it so they can at least help with their own laundry.

#### 4. THE WEEKLY TASKS

When you find that the DAILY TASKS are coming easily for you it's time to add the WEEKLY TASKS. As you're doing the Weekly Tasks, start by using a timer and set it for the amount of time you want to spend. Only have 10 minutes? No problem. Set your timer, and do the Weekly Task for that amount of time. Next week? Do what you didn't finish. Here's the thing I want you to realize – it's just dirt. We're going to get better, it's going to get easier with each week, but there's no reason to feel defeated as you get started. Do your best and guess what? Forget the rest. You'll get there!



MONDAY: BATHROOMS Follow my step by step Bathroom Quick Clean checklist so you can clean your bathrooms in 15 minutes!



**TUESDAY: DUSTING** Dusting can be easy + fun; the secret is to do it every Tuesday, you don't want to let the dust accumulate!



**WEDNESDAY: VACUUM** It's important to move quickly - start on the second floor with the room that's the farthest away from the stairs or at the farthest corner of the house.



**THURSDAY: FLOOR WASHING**Mopping floors doesn't have to be difficult or overwhelming! Vacuuming the day before makes this task even easier.



FRIDAY: CATCH-ALL Didn't get your bathrooms clean or laundry done? Do it on Friday! Fridays are also a great day to incorporate one of the monthly rotating tasks.



**SATURDAY: SHEETS + TOWELS**With a load of laundry happening every day of the week, you'll be caught up on everything else, work on sheets + towels!

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### **Using the Clean Mama Routine**

#### 5. THE ROTATING TASKS

Keep going with the DAILY TASKS and WEEKLY TASKS – when you are consistently completing these tasks with success and ease and you feel like you're ready for more, then it's time to add the ROTATING TASKS.

You can do these at the same time as your Weekly Tasks, or you can tackle them one at a time. We incorporate many of these tasks into our Catch-All Day Fridays or with a day of the week that it makes sense with.

#### O VACUUM + WASH BASEBOARDS

I like to incorporate this task on Wednesday (Vacuuming Day) and/or on Thursday (Floor Washing Day).

#### CLEAN LIGHT FIXTURES

We'll be rotating through all the light fixtures in your home throughout the year, just one room a month - that's it!

#### O WASH OR VACUUM RUGS

For throw rugs or area rugs that need a little extra cleaning attention.

#### LAUNDER BEDDING

Wash bedding, pillows & blankets that don't get laundered weekly. If you can't wash them, toss pillows in the dryer to fluff up.

#### O VACUUM + SPOT-CLEAN FURNITURE

Remove cushions & pillows, vacuum with your hose and upholstery attachments. Use a little soap on a damp towel to spot clean.

#### O POLISH WOOD FURNITURE

Sometimes our furniture needs a little extra shine. You can do this on a Tuesday as you dust.

#### O CHANGE FILTERS

Water filters, vacuum filters, furnace filters...this task is your reminder to change what needs to be changed.

#### O CLEAN OVEN + OTHER APPLIANCES

Clean the oven & wipe down all appliances. This isn't done every month, so when you see it on the schedule, try to get it done.

#### O WIPE DOWN APPLIANCES

You might need to do this more often but putting it on the schedule monthly helps get it done for sure.

#### O WASH WINDOWS

This might doing it yourself or scheduling this to be done with a professional. Our homes look better when we can see outside - clean those windows! Split it up during the month if it feels like too much.

#### O WIPE SWITCHES / PHONES / REMOTES

Give those most-touched areas a quick wipe down and clean. Have little ones? Give them a baby wipe and have them help!

#### 6. THE MONTHLY FOCUS

Last step? It's time to add the MONTHLY FOCUS. After you feel good about incorporating the Daily Tasks, Weekly Tasks, and Rotating Tasks into your schedule and life, it's time to learn about the Monthly Focus. There is one focus for every month. Print out the Monthly Focus checklists to help you every month.

You'll be working through your entire home - organizing each space as you can during the month. I love this approach and focus. It's intended to give you the time and space to find and implement habits and systems that really work for you and your family.





# The Daily Tasks

\* CHECKLISTS \*

The five daily tasks are essential to the Clean Mama Routine and the secret to getting started with your clean home! Use these checklists to help you tackle the five tasks every day.

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### THE DAILY TASKS

# **Daily Tasks Tracker**

| MONDAY          |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| TUESDAY         |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| WEDNESDAY       |   |  |
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| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| THURSDAY        |   |  |
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| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| FRIDAY          |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| SATURDAY        |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |

| SUNDAY          |   |  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|--|
| O Make Beds     | 0 |  |  |
| O Wipe Counters | 0 |  |  |
| O Check Floors  | 0 |  |  |
| O Clutter       | 0 |  |  |
| O Laundry       | 0 |  |  |

| THE WEEKLY TASKS |                   |  |  |
|------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| O Bathrooms      | O Wash Floors     |  |  |
| O Dust           | O Catch-All       |  |  |
| O Vacuum         | O Sheets + Towels |  |  |
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### THE DAILY TASKS

# **Blank Daily Tasks Tracker**

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# The Weekly Tasks

+ CHECKLISTS +

Set your timer, and do the Weekly Task for that amount of time. Use these checklists to help! It's going to get easier with each week. Do your best and guess what?

Forget the rest. You'll get there!

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| WEEK OF:    |                   | WEEK OF:                   |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| O Bathrooms | O Wash Floors     | O Bathrooms O Wash Floors  |
| O Dust      | O Catch-All       | O Dust O Catch-All         |
| O Vacuum    | O Sheets + Towels | O Vacuum O Sheets + Towels |
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| O Bathrooms | O Wash Floors     | O Bathrooms O Wash Floors  |
| O Dust      | O Catch-All       | O Dust O Catch-All         |
| O Vacuum    | O Sheets + Towels | O Vacuum O Sheets + Towels |
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| O Dust      | O Catch-All       | O Dust O Catch-All         |
| O Vacuum    | O Sheets + Towels | O Vacuum O Sheets + Towels |
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| O Bathrooms | O Wash Floors     | O Bathrooms O Wash Floors  |
| O Dust      | O Catch-All       | O Dust O Catch-All         |
| O Vacuum    | O Sheets + Towels | O Vacuum O Sheets + Towels |
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# **Blank Cleaning Checklist**

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### **Complete Cleaning Checklist**

| 24         | MONTH:   |                   |
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|            | MONDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Bathrooms       |
|            | TUESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Dust            |
|            | WEDNESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Vacuum          |
| <i>9</i> . | THURSDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  FRIDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Wash Floors     |
| week of.   | SATURDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Catch-All       |
| We         | SUNDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Sheets + Towels |
|            | MONDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Bathrooms       |
|            | TUESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Dust            |
|            | WEDNESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Vacuum          |
| <i>9</i> . | THURSDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  FRIDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Wash Floors     |
| week of.   | SATURDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Catch-All       |
| we         | SUNDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Sheets + Towels |
|            | MONDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Bathrooms       |
|            | TUESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Dust            |
|            | WEDNESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Vacuum          |
| week of:   | THURSDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | Wash Floors       |
|            | FRIDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  SATURDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Catch-All       |
|            | SUNDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Sheets + Towels |
|            |  | O Bathrooms       |
|            | MONDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  |                   |
|            | TUESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  WEDNESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry | O Dust            |
|            | THURSDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Vacuum          |
| 9          | FRIDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Wash Floors     |
| week of:   | SATURDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Catch-All       |
| 3          | SUNDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Sheets + Towels |
|            | MONDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Bathrooms       |
|            | TUESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Dust            |
|            | WEDNESDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | O Vacuum          |
| <i>3</i> . | THURSDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  FRIDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry   | Wash Floors       |
| week of.   | SATURDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Catch-All       |
| we         | SUNDAY: O beds O counters O floor O clutter O laundry  | O Sheets + Towels |
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# **Blank Complete Cleaning Checklist**

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|          | TUESDAY:             | 0 |
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### **Once-A-Week Checklist**

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|          | O Make Beds | O Wipe Counters   | Check Floors   |  |  |  |
|          | O Clutter   | O Laundry         | O Bathrooms    |  |  |  |
| 2.       | O Dust      | O Vacuum          | O Wash Floors  |  |  |  |
| week of. | O Catch-All | O Sheets + Towels | 0              |  |  |  |
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|          | O Make Beds | O Wipe Counters   | O Check Floors |  |  |  |
|          | O Clutter   | O Laundry         | O Bathrooms    |  |  |  |
|          | O Dust      | O Vacuum          | O Wash Floors  |  |  |  |
| week of. | O Catch-All | O Sheets + Towels | 0              |  |  |  |
| We       | 0           | 0                 | 0              |  |  |  |
|          | O Make Beds | O Wipe Counters   | O Check Floors |  |  |  |
|          | O Clutter   | O Laundry         | O Bathrooms    |  |  |  |
|          | O Dust      | O Vacuum          | Wash Floors    |  |  |  |
| week of: | O Catch-All | O Sheets + Towels | 0              |  |  |  |
| we       | 0           | 0                 | 0              |  |  |  |
|          | O Make Beds | O Wipe Counters   | O Check Floors |  |  |  |
|          | O Clutter   | O Laundry         | O Bathrooms    |  |  |  |
| 2.5      | O Dust      | O Vacuum          | O Wash Floors  |  |  |  |
| week of. | O Catch-All | O Sheets + Towels | 0              |  |  |  |
| we       | 0           | 0                 | 0              |  |  |  |
|          | O Make Beds | O Wipe Counters   | O Check Floors |  |  |  |
|          | O Clutter   | O Laundry         | O Bathrooms    |  |  |  |
|          | O Dust      | O Vacuum          | O Wash Floors  |  |  |  |
| week of: | O Catch-All | O Sheets + Towels | 0              |  |  |  |
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### **Blank Once-A-Week Checklist**

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# **The Rotating Tasks**

### \* CHECKLISTS \*

When you are consistently completing the Daily and Weekly Tasks and feel like you're ready for more, then it's time to add the Rotating Tasks. Use these checklist to help! You can do these at the same time as your Weekly Tasks, or you can tackle them one at a time.

### THE ROTATING TASKS

|   | JANUARY                              |   | FEBRUARY                             |   | MARCH                            |   | APRIL                                 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards           | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                |
| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture   | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture        |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Whole House          | 0 | Light Fixtures: Kitchen              | 0 | Light Fixtures: Living/Dining    | 0 | Light Fixtures: Bathrooms             |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                        | 0 | Wash Rugs                             |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture            | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                 |
| 0 | Change Filters                       | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes     | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes      |
| 0 | Clean Oven                           | 0 | Spot Clean Walls                     | 0 | Spot Clean Walls                 | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                  |
| 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances             | 0 | Clean Oven                            |
| 0 | Wash Windows                         | 0 | Clean Vents                          | 0 |                                  | 0 |                                       |
|   | МАҮ                                  |   | JUNE                                 |   | JULY                             |   | AUGUST                                |
| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards           | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                |
| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture   | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture        |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Main<br>Bedroom      | 0 | Light Fixtures: Other<br>Bedroom     | 0 | Light Fixtures: Bathrooms        | 0 | Light Fixtures: Living/Dining         |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                        | 0 | Wash Rugs                             |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture            | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                 |
| 0 | Clean Window Treatments              | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes     | 0 | Clean Oven, Fridge, Freezer      | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes      |
| 0 | Spot Clean Walls                     | 0 | Lamps                                | 0 | Dust Ceilings + Corners          | 0 | Spot Clean Walls                      |
| 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Wash Windows                         | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances             | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                  |
| 0 |                                      | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Change Filters                   | 0 |                                       |
|   | SEPTEMBER                            |   | OCTOBER                              |   | NOVEMBER                         |   | DECEMBER                              |
| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards           | 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                |
| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture   | 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture        |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Entryway/<br>Mudroom | 0 | Light Fixtures: Laundry<br>Room/Area | 0 | Light Fixtures: Living Areas     | 0 | Light Fixtures: Office or<br>Bedrooms |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                            | 0 | Wash Rugs                        | 0 | Wash Rugs                             |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture            | 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                 |
| 0 | Clean Window Treatments              | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes     | 0 | Dust Ceilings + Corners          | 0 | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes      |
| 0 | Wash/Fluff Pillows +<br>Bedding      | 0 | Clean Oven                           | 0 | Spot Clean Walls                 | 0 | Clean Window Treatments               |
| 0 | Rotate/Vacuum Mattresses             | 0 | Vacuum Garage/<br>Basement/Storage   | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances             | 0 | Lamps                                 |
|   | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | 0 | Clean Vents                      | 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                  |

### THE ROTATING TASKS

### **Pick-A-Month Cleaning Checklist**

| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboa                                 | rds Vacuum/Wash Baseboards       | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                            |
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| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                         | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture    | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                       |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Whole House          | O Light Fixtures: Kitchen                             | Light Fixtures: Living/Dining    | O Light Fixtures: Bathrooms                         |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | O Wash Rugs   | O Wash Rugs                      | O Wash Rugs   |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | O Polish Wood Furniture                               | O Polish Wood Furniture          | O Polish Wood Furniture                             |
| 0 | Change Filters                       | <ul> <li>Wipe Switches/Phones,<br/>Remotes</li> </ul> | Wipe Switches/Phones/<br>Remotes | <ul><li>Wipe Switches/Phones/<br/>Remotes</li></ul> |
| 0 | Clean Oven                           | O Spot Clean Walls                                    | O Spot Clean Walls               | O Wipe Down Appliances                              |
| 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | O Wipe Down Appliances                                | O Wipe Down Appliances           | O Clean Oven  |
| 0 | Wash Windows                         | O Clean Vents   | 0                                | 0   |
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| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboa                                 | rds Vacuum/Wash Baseboards       | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                            |
| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                         | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture    | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                       |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Main<br>Bedroom      | <ul><li>Light Fixtures: Other<br/>Bedroom</li></ul>   | Light Fixtures: Bathrooms        | Light Fixtures: Living/Dining                       |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | O Wash Rugs   | O Wash Rugs                      | O Wash Rugs   |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | O Polish Wood Furniture                               | O Polish Wood Furniture          | O Polish Wood Furniture                             |
| 0 | Clean Window Treatments              | <ul> <li>Wipe Switches/Phones,<br/>Remotes</li> </ul> | Clean Oven, Fridge, Freezer      | <ul><li>Wipe Switches/Phones/<br/>Remotes</li></ul> |
| 0 | Spot Clean Walls                     | O Lamps   | O Dust Ceilings + Corners        | O Spot Clean Walls                                  |
| 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | O Wash Windows  | O Wipe Down Appliances           | O Wipe Down Appliances                              |
| 0 |                                      | O Wipe Down Appliances                                | O Change Filters                 | 0   |
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| 0 | Vacuum/Wash Baseboards               | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboa                                 | rds O Vacuum/Wash Baseboards     | O Vacuum/Wash Baseboards                            |
| 0 | Vacuum/Spot Clean<br>Furniture       | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                         | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture    | O Vacuum/Spot Clean Furniture                       |
| 0 | Light Fixtures: Entryway/<br>Mudroom | O Light Fixtures: Laundry Room/Area                   | Light Fixtures: Living Areas     | Light Fixtures: Office or Bedrooms                  |
| 0 | Wash Rugs                            | O Wash Rugs   | O Wash Rugs                      | O Wash Rugs   |
| 0 | Polish Wood Furniture                | Polish Wood Furniture                                 | O Polish Wood Furniture          | O Polish Wood Furniture                             |
| 0 | Clean Window Treatments              | <ul> <li>Wipe Switches/Phones,<br/>Remotes</li> </ul> | O Dust Ceilings + Corners        | <ul><li>Wipe Switches/Phones/<br/>Remotes</li></ul> |
| 0 | Wash/Fluff Pillows +<br>Bedding      | Clean Oven  | O Spot Clean Walls               | Clean Window Treatments                             |
| 0 | Rotate/Vacuum Mattresses             | O Vacuum Garage/<br>Basement/Storage                  | O Wipe Down Appliances           | O Lamps   |
| 0 | Wipe Down Appliances                 | Wipe Down Appliances                                  | O Clean Vents                    | O Wipe Down Appliances                              |

### THE ROTATING TASKS

# **Blank Cleaning Checklist**

| JANUARY   | FEBRUARY | MARCH    | APRIL    |
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# The Monthly Focus

\* CHECKLISTS \*

You'll be working through your entire home - organizing each space as you can during the month. Use these checklist to help give you the time and space to find and implement habits and systems that really work for you and your family.

### **Cleaning Checklists**

#### JANUARY

#### WHOLE HOUSE DECLUTTER

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### THE KITCHEN

#### O DECLUTTER

do a whole house quick declutter and gather at least 3 bags of stuff you can get rid of

#### O CLEAN SURFACES

remove clutter from flat surfaces (counters, dressers, etc.)

#### OSORT

sort through any existing paper piles that are out on counters or surfaces

#### O MAIL

deal with your mail situation and come up with a way to sort through mail daily so it doesn't pile up

#### **OKITCHEN**

declutter counter clutter, cabinets, and drawers

#### O BATHROOM(S)

declutter counter clutter, toiletries, cabinets, and drawers

#### O BEDROOM(S)

declutter surfaces, linens, clothing

#### O LIVING AREAS

declutter toys, storage, and flat surfaces

#### O THER AREAS

declutter attic, basement, garage, and/or storage areas

O DECLUTTER

completely clear counters and wipe clean

O CLEAN SURFACES

wipe cabinet and drawer fronts

O DEEP CLEAN

clean refrigerator, freezer, and oven

O FOOD STORAGE

clean pantry or food storage area – discard any expired food

O TOSS + DONATE

items that are no longer needed or wanted

ORGANIZE

group like items together

O CONTAIN

use pretty containers to make food and cooking supplies more attractive

O LABEL

to make locating items easier and to unify the space

O SCRUB

scrub the kitchen sink

O CLEAN MOST TOUCHED AREAS

wipe knobs, doors, handles

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| MARCH  | APRIL   |
|--|---|
| SPRING CLEANING  | THE BATHROOM(S)   |
| O DECLUTTER clear surfaces and lose anything you don't   | DECLUTTER     clear bathroom surfaces of any  |
| use or love  | unnecessary items   |
| O CLEAN SURFACES   | O CLEAN   |
| dust and/or clean all surfaces  UIGHT FIXTURES + LAMPS   | clean and wipe all surfaces (counters, toilets, showers, bathtubs)  |
| dust and/or clean all light fixtures, lamps,   | O DEEP CLEAN  |
| and shades   | vacuum and wash baseboards and floors   |
| O WINDOW TREATMENTS  | O DUST  |
| dust and/or launder window treatments and blinds   | dust and clean light fixtures   |
| O CLEAN + FLUFF  | <ul> <li>WINDOW TREATMENTS</li> <li>dust and/or launder window treatments</li> </ul>                                |
| rotate/flip mattresses and clean pillows, blankets, and bedding  | and blinds  |
|  | O CLEAN   |
| <ul> <li>CLEAN FLOORS         thoroughly vacuum and wash all floors     </li> </ul>                                      | shower curtains and bath mats   |
|  | O CLEAN MOST TOUCHED AREAS  |
| <ul> <li>CLEAN MOST-TOUCHED AREAS         wipe handles, light switches, knobs, doors,         remotes, phones</li> </ul> | wipe handles, knobs, doors, switches/<br>switch plates  |
| remetes, phones  | O STOCK UP  |
| <ul> <li>DEEP CLEAN         carpeted areas, wash windows, wash doors,         wash baseboards     </li> </ul>            | plan ahead and stock up on toilet paper,<br>tissues, and toiletries   |
| wash baseboards  | <ul> <li>PRACTICE         take it out, put it away with toiletries and any         items on the counters</li> </ul> |
| 0  | <ul> <li>AMBIENCE         add something special – fluffy white towels,         a candle, etc.</li> </ul>            |
|  |   |

| GARA  | MAY<br>AGE / BASEMENT                      |   | JUNE THE BEDROOM(S)   |
|---|--|---|---|
| O DECLUTTER clear surfaces a use or love      | nd lose anything you don't                 | 0 | DECLUTTER clear surfaces and lose anything you don't use or love                                |
| O CLEAN dust and/or clea                      | an all surfaces                            | 0 | CLEAN SURFACES dust and/or clean all surfaces   |
| O SWEEP OR VA                                 |  | 0 | <b>EVALUATE</b> what is/isn't working – write it down and plan it out                           |
| ORGANIZE put systems in p household throu     | place that will get your<br>ugh the summer | 0 | LIGHT FIXTURES + LAMPS dust and clean all light fixtures, lamps, and shades in living areas     |
| O WASH VEHICE wash or take to                 |  | 0 | CLEAN + FLUFF pillows, blankets, and bedding  |
|   | um and clean vehicle floors                | 0 | FRESH START thoroughly vacuum and/or wash floors  |
|   | TOUCHED AREAS nobs, doors, switches/       | 0 | PREPARE add items to encourage calm and relaxation – make sure the bedside table(s) are cleaned |
| O DEEP CLEAN wash vehicle wi empty trunk, etc | ndows, clean dashboard,<br>c.              |   | off and add a book that's been on your list to read   |
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|   | JULY  | AUGUST  |
|---|---|---|
|   | ORGANIZING SYSTEMS  | THE CLOSETS   |
| 0 | DECLUTTER  clear surfaces and lose anything you don't use or love  EVALUATE  look at methods and systems already in place | <ul> <li>DECLUTTER         completely empty and clean the space</li> <li>CLEAN SURFACES         clean and wipe shelves and wash/vacuum         the floor</li> </ul> |
|   | FIND 3 TROUBLE SPOTS write them down and commit to taking care of them  | <ul> <li>EVALUATE         what is/isn't working – write it down and         plan it out</li> <li>TOSS + DONATE</li> </ul>   |
|   | SOMETHING NEW choose a new method or way of doing something to simplify your life   | items that are no longer needed, wanted, or don't fit   |
|   | PERSPECTIVE ask a friend for ideas or take pictures to see it in a new light  | group like items together  CABEL  to make locating items easier and   |
|   | SUPPLIES shop the house for supplies to put your new systems in place   | more uniform  O PRACTICE take it out, put it away – keep it neat and tidy   |
| _ | SET UP YOUR SYSTEMS show family members how to implement  | going forward   |
|   | ADD ON once the first system is in place and working, add the next one  | 0   |
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| 0 |   | 0   |

|          | SEPTEMBER  | OCTOBER   |
|----------|--|---|
|          | ENTRYWAY / MUDROOM   | LAUNDRY ROOM / AREA   |
| 0        | DECLUTTER  | O DECLUTTER   |
|          | completely empty and clean the entryway (coat closet, bench, etc.)                     | clear laundry room or laundry area of unnecessary items                           |
| 0        | CLEAN  | O CLEAN   |
|          | clean and wipe shelves and wash/vacuum the floor and outside entry area                | clean and wipe any shelves or drawers   |
| 0        | •  | O DEEP CLEAN washer and dryer   |
|          | what is/isn't working – add storage and make   | washer and aryer  |
|          | sure you have a place to hang guests' coats  | <ul><li>EVALUATE<br/>what is/isn't working</li></ul>                              |
| 0        | ORGANIZE + CONTAIN   | 0 -000 -000-  |
|          | group like items together  | TOSS + DONATE     items that are no longer needed or wante                        |
| 0        | PRACTICE   | ORGANIZE  |
|          | take it out, put it away   | group like items together   |
| 0        | if you want to make your guests feel   | O CONTAIN   |
|          | especially comfortable and keep shoes at the door, add a basket with socks or slippers | use pretty containers to make supplies more attractive                            |
|          | for them to slip on upon arrival   | O LABEL   |
| 0        | GARMENT CARE KIT keep a lint roller, sweater shaver, and any                           | to make locating items easier and to unify the space                              |
|          | garment care items in a basket for any clothing mishaps                                | O PRACTICE  |
| 0        | Clothing misnaps   | take it out, put it away and do a load of laundry every day to keep it manageable |
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| NOVEMBER  | DECEMBER   |
|---|--|
| LIVING AREAS  | OFFICE / PAPERWORK   |
| DECLUTTER     clear surfaces and lose anything you don't     use or love  | DECLUTTER     clear surfaces and lose anything you don't     use or love   |
| O CLEAN SURFACES dust and/or clean all surfaces   | <ul> <li>EVALUATE         look at methods and systems already         in place     </li> </ul>   |
| O LIGHT FIXTURES & LAMPS dust and clean all light fixtures, lamps, and shades in living areas   | <ul> <li>FIND 3 TROUBLE SPOTS         write them down and commit to taking care         of them</li> </ul>   |
| <ul> <li>WINDOW TREATMENTS         dust and/or launder window treatments         and blinds</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>SOMETHING NEW         choose a new method or way of doing something to simplify your paper     </li> </ul>  |
| <ul><li>CLEAN + FLUFF pillows, blankets, and cushions</li><li>FRESH START</li></ul>   | <ul> <li>SHRED, SHRED</li> <li>shred those documents that you no</li> </ul>  |
| thoroughly vacuum and wash floors if necessary  | <ul> <li>SUPPLIES</li> <li>shop the house for supplies to put your new</li> </ul>  |
| O CLEAN MOST TOUCHED AREAS wipe handles, knobs, doors, remotes, phones  | systems in place   |
| <ul> <li>PREPARE         add items to encourage family time and         relaxation – games, books, pillows, a         candle, etc.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>SET UP YOUR SYSTEMS         whether it's a new filing system or an         attempt to go paperless, get something         in place that will free you up from         handling paper</li> </ul> |
| <ul><li></li><li></li></ul>   | <ul> <li>ADD ON         once the first system is in place and working add the next one     </li> </ul>   |



# **Favorite DIY Recipes**

\* BY CLEAN MAMA \*

These simple, safe, and natural recipes are some of my favorites. Combine them with your favorite tools and your home will smell + feel clean!

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### **CLEAN MAMA'S**

# **Favorite DIY Recipes**

| LAVENDER + LEMON DISINFECTING CLEANER  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <ul> <li>½ cup white distilled vinegar</li> <li>½ cup vodka</li> <li>10 drops lavender essential oil</li> <li>10 drops lemon essential oil</li> <li>1½ cups water</li> </ul> | instructions  Mix all ingredients in a spray bottle and shake to combine. Spray surfaces to be cleaned and allow to sit 10 minutes to disinfect before wiping.   |  |
| TEA TREE MILDEW REMOVER  |  |  |
| <ul><li></li></ul>   | instructions  Mix and store in a dark container. Spray liberally on mold/mildew, let sit for 1-2 hours, rinse. Repeat if necessary.  |  |
| RUST + MINERAL DEPOSIT RE  | MOVER  |  |
| O white vinegar  | instructions  Saturate paper towels or rags with white vinegar and drape over area with rust or mineral deposits. Let it sit for 15 minutes and rub with the cloth to remove the rust. Rinse, and repeat if necessary. |  |
| PEPPERMINT GLASS + MIRROF  | RCLEANER   |  |
| O 2 cups water   | instructions   |  |
| O 2 tablespoons white vinegar  | Combine and mix ingredients in spray bottle. Spray and wipe  |  |
| <ul><li>2 tablespoons rubbing alcohol</li><li>5 drops peppermint essential oil</li></ul>   | with a soft cloth.   |  |
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#### DAILY SHOWER SPRAY

- ½ cup vodka
- 1 cup water
- O 10 drops peppermint essential oil

#### instructions

Mix and store in a spray bottle. Spray shower or tub daily after showering or bathing. No rinse needed!

#### **NIGHTLY SINK SCRUB**

- O 2 cups baking soda
- O 10 drops lemon essential oil
- O 10 drops clove essential oil
- castile or dish soap (this isn't added to the baking soda until it's used!)

#### instructions

Add baking soda to a mason jar or container and add essential oils. Stir to combine. Wet the sink, sprinkle the powder and add a squirt or two of castile or dish soap to the sink. Using a sink-safe scrub brush, scrub the sink thoroughly. Rinse and dry. Repeat every night after your kitchen is clean.

#### HARDWOOD FLOOR CLEANER

- ½ cup white distilled vinegar
- O 1 gallon warm water
- O 2-3 drops essential oil

# Lemon + clove is a great essential oil combo for this!

#### instructions

Mix ingredients in a large bucket or container. Mop with a barely damp mop and bucket or by hand with microfiber towels. Rinse often and change the solution as needed. Make sure your hardwood floors are sealed and make sure that you never let water sit on the floors. Test in an inconspicuous spot first.

#### MATTRESS + CARPET FRESHENER

- O 2 cups baking soda
- O 10 drops lemon essential oil
- O 10 drops lavender essential oil

#### instructions

Add baking soda to a mason jar or container and add essential oils. Stir to combine. To use, sprinkle on carpet, rug or mattress. Let sit for 10 minutes and then vacuum thoroughly. Store remaining freshener in a cool, dark place and use as needed.

#### ALL PURPOSE CLEANER

- 1 ¼ cups water
- ½ cup white vinegar
- O 10 drops lemon essential oil



Do not use vinegar on stone surfaces!

#### instructions

Pour ingredients in a 16 ounce spray bottle, shake to combine. Spray and wipe anywhere you see dirt and grime.

#### WINDOW + GLASS CLEANER

- 1½ cups water
- 1½ tablespoons rubbing alcohol
- 1 ¼ tablespoons white vinegar
- O 3 drops peppermint essential oil

#### instructions

Pour ingredients in a 16 ounce spray bottle, shake to combine. Spray and wipe window + mirrors to a streak-free shine. Pair this recipe with a micro-fiber or a low-lint cotton cloth and you'll be looking through streak-free windows in no time.

#### SOFT CLEANING PASTE

- O 1 cup baking soda
- ½ cup washing soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons castile or dish soap
- 10 drops lemon + peppermint essential oils
- ½-¾ cup white vinegar

#### instructions

Combine dry ingredients in a bowl, add soap, essential oils and carefully add vinegar. Mix thoroughly for desired consistency. Scoop out a tablespoon or two and apply with a sponge or scrub brush and scrub away. Rinse thoroughly.

#### POWDER SCRUB

- O 2 cups baking soda
- 10 drops lemon essential oil

#### instructions

Combine ingredients in a container and mix well. Be sure to store in a sealed container. Wet surface, add a teaspoon or so of castile soap and scrub with scrub brush or sponge. Rinse and repeat as necessary. Can also be used as a carpet and mattress sprinkle (no soap) — just vacuum up!

#### DISINFECTING CLEANER

- 1 ¼ cups water
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- ¼ cup vodka or rubbing alcohol
- O 15 drops of your favorite essential oil



Lemon + peppermint is a great essential oil combo for this!

#### instructions

Pour ingredients in a 16 ounce spray bottle, shake to combine. Spray liberally on surfaces. Let sit for 10 minutes to disinfect, wipe clean. Do not use vinegar on stone surfaces.

#### **CLEANING BY THE BUCKET**

- 6 cups warm water
- 1 teaspoon castile soap
- 10 drops orange essential oil

#### instructions

Pour ingredients into large bucket, stir to combine. Dip cleaning cloth or sponge in solution. Wipe clean. Use on baseboards, doors and large surface areas such as counters or floors.

#### LAVENDER + LEMON FABRIC FRESHENER

- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup vodka or rubbing alcohol
- O 5 drops lavender essential oil
- 5 drops lemon essential oil
- spray bottle

#### instructions

Mix this up in a spray bottle, shake to combine, spray on fabric (pillow, bedding, furniture, carpet) that needs a little freshening up.

#### STONE CLEANING SPRAY

- O 2 tablespoons rubbing alcohol
- O 1½ cups water
- ¼ teaspoon castile or dish soap (if you want your spray to smell like your dish soap, use that)

#### instructions

Mix in spray bottle, spray on surfaces and wipe clean with a soft cleaning cloth. This also makes a great all-purpose spray.

### **CLEAN MAMA'S**

# **Blank DIY Recipe Cards**

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# **Quick Clean**

### \* CHECKLISTS \*

Have you ever stood in a room that was a mess and didn't know where to start? These checklists are the answer to that. Grab one, follow the directions, and before you know it your room or home will be quick-cleaned the Clean Mama Way.

### **CLEAN MAMA'S**

### Kitchen Appliances Quick Clean

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES |   | HOW TO GET STARTED   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| 0                    | cleaning cloths — microfiber works<br>great on appliances         | <ul> <li>Dust off the tops of your appliances and wipe clean.</li> <li>Vacuum appliance corners and crevices.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 0                    | dusting wand  | <ul> <li>Fill your sink with hot, soapy water.</li> <li>Oven: Start self-clean on your oven or thoroughly spray a non-</li> </ul>  |  |
| 0                    | vacuum cleaner  | toxic degreaser in oven and let sit.  O Microwave: remove the glass plate in microwave and place in  |  |
| 0                    | cleaners — all-purpose, disinfecting,<br>dish soap, white vinegar | sink with soapy water. Put a bowl of water and a halved lemon<br>and boil for 3–5 minutes. Let it sit and steam for 15 minutes<br>and wipe clean.  |  |
| 0                    | sponges   | <ul> <li>Refrigerator/freezer: empty appliances and discard expired<br/>food. Wash removable shelves and drawers in the soapy sink -<br/>wash, rinse, dry. Wipe shelves clean with soapy water and dry.<br/>Return food.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 0                    | empty container for dirty cloths or paper towels                  | <ul> <li>Dishwasher: empty and remove racks, spray edges with<br/>cleaner or wipe with vinegar. Remove any food or blockages<br/>from the bottom. Put 1–2 cups of vinegar in the bottom of the<br/>dishwasher and run a normal wash cycle. Wipe edges and sea<br/>clean when cycle has completed.</li> </ul> |  |
| 0                    | caddy or container to carry supplies from room to room            | Appliance fronts: spray and wipe clean   |  |
|                      |   | * Repeat as needed!  |  |
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### **CLEAN MAMA'S**

# Kitchen Quick Clean

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES |   | HOW TO GET STARTED   |  |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 0                    | cleaning cloths — microfiber<br>works great               | <ul> <li>Clear off counters and all surfaces.</li> <li>Wash dishes — run the dishwasher or hand wash.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 0                    | dusting wand  | O Dust or vacuum — upper cabinets, light fixtures, displays, etc.  |  |  |
| 0                    | vacuum cleaner  | <ul> <li>Upper and lower cabinets — use soapy water and a microfiber cloth (well wrung out) and quickly wipe down cabinet fronts.</li> <li>Spray and wipe counters or use soapy water and a sponge.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 0                    | cleaners — all-purpose, disinfecting,                     | Spray and wipe kitchen table and chairs.   |  |  |
|                      | dish soap, white vinegar                                  | <ul> <li>Scrub the kitchen sink and faucet and dry with a cloth to<br/>prevent spots.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| O                    | sponges + soapy water                                     | <ul> <li>Clean appliance fronts (follow the appliance quick clean<br/>checklist for a complete appliance clean-up).</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 0                    | magic erasers   | O Vacuum floor thoroughly — pay attention to corners and edges.  |  |  |
|                      |   | O Wash floor.  |  |  |
| 0                    | empty container for dirty cloths or paper towels          | O Put out fresh dish towels.   |  |  |
| 0                    | caddy or container to carry supplies<br>from room to room | Repeat as needed!  |  |  |
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# **Bedrooms Quick Clean**

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES  | HOW TO GET STARTED  |  |
|---|---|--|
| Cleaning cloths — microfiber works great  Cleaners — all-purpose, dusting, glass + mirror  empty container for dirty cloths or paper towels  caddy or container to carry supplies from room to room | First things first, make the bed. If you need to launder the bedding, throw a load in the washer and dryer.  Complete any laundry — get those clothes out of the baskets, hang them up and put them away.  Clear clutter from all surfaces and return to their proper homes. Sort items — keep, toss, donate, put away.  Dust all surfaces — start at the top and work your way down.  Dust or vacuum light fixtures and lamps. Use a lint roller on fabric lamp shades to get any dust and dirt.  Dust or vacuum any window treatments if necessary.  Spray and wipe any glass or mirrors.  Repeat these steps in each bedroom. Once you've done that, go back to the first bedroom.  Vacuum thoroughly, paying special attention to the edges and crevices. Vacuum all bedrooms.  Place dirty cleaning cloths in container. |  |
| NOTES:  |   |  |

# 15 Minute Bathroom Quick Clean

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES  | HOW TO GET STARTED  |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>cleaning cloths — one for mirrors,<br/>one for each toilet, one for each<br/>sink, and a couple extras for tubs<br/>and showers</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Clear off counters and all surfaces.</li> <li>Spray cloth with glass cleaner and wipe any mirrors clean – keep this cloth handy and reuse in each bathroom.</li> </ul>                         |
| O glass and mirror cleaner  | <ul> <li>Spray the sink, toilet, and tub or shower (if you don't use a<br/>tub or shower regularly, you don't need to clean it weekly) and<br/>quickly spray with your disinfecting cleaner.</li> </ul> |
| O disinfecting/bathroom cleaner   | <ul> <li>Use your preferred toilet cleaner and brush and do a quick<br/>clean of your toilet.</li> </ul>  |
| O toilet cleaner + brush  | <ul> <li>Repeat these steps in each bathroom. Once you've done that,<br/>go back to the first bathroom.</li> </ul>  |
| empty container for dirty cloths or paper towels  | <ul> <li>Wipe the sink, wipe the toilet, and wipe the tub or shower — take care to use a separate cloth or paper towel for each toilet and sink to avoid cross-contamination.</li> </ul>                |
|   | Place dirty cloths in container.  |
| <ul> <li>caddy or container to carry supplies<br/>from room to room</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Move on to wiping down the next bathroom and the next until<br/>you have quickly wiped down each bathroom.</li> </ul>  |
|   | O Change hand and bath towels.  |
|   | Save the floors for vacuuming and floor washing days.   |
|   | Repeat on Mondays!  |
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# **Living Spaces Quick Clean**

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES   | HOW TO GET STARTED   |
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| <ul> <li>cleaning cloths — microfiber<br/>works great</li> </ul>         | <ul> <li>First things first, straighten any sofas, chairs, pillows<br/>and throws.</li> </ul>  |
| O dusting wand   | <ul> <li>Clear clutter from all surfaces and return to their proper<br/>homes. Sort items — keep, toss, donate, put away.</li> </ul> |
|  | O Dust all surfaces — start at the top and work your way down.   |
| O vacuum cleaner   | <ul> <li>Dust or vacuum light fixtures and lamps. Use a lint roller on<br/>fabric lamp shades to get any dust and dirt.</li> </ul>   |
| ○ cleaners — all-purpose, dusting,                                       | <ul> <li>Dust or vacuum any window treatments if necessary.</li> </ul>   |
| glass + mirror   | <ul> <li>Spray and wipe any glass or mirrors. Spot check any windows<br/>and clean if necessary.</li> </ul>                          |
| <ul> <li>empty container for dirty cloths or<br/>paper towels</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Repeat these steps in each living area. Once you've done that,<br/>go back to the first living area.</li> </ul>             |
| caddy or container to carry supplies     from room to room               | <ul> <li>Vacuum thoroughly, paying special attention to edges and<br/>crevices. Vacuum all living areas and wash floors.</li> </ul>  |
|  | Place dirty cleaning cloths in container.  |
|  | → → Repeat as needed!  |
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# Whole House Quick Clean

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES   | HOW TO GET STARTED   |
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| <ul> <li>cleaning cloths — microfiber<br/>works great</li> </ul>               | <ul> <li>First things first, straighten any sofas, chairs, pillows, and<br/>throws.</li> </ul>   |
| O dusting wand and/or dusting cloth  | <ul> <li>Make all beds.</li> <li>Clear clutter from all surfaces and return to their proper homes. Sort items — keep, toss, donate, put away.</li> </ul> |
| vacuum cleaner   | <ul> <li>Dust all surfaces — start at the top and work your way down.</li> </ul>   |
| О тор  | <ul> <li>Spray and wipe all bathroom and kitchen hard surfaces —<br/>kitchen table, counters and sinks.</li> </ul>                                       |
| <ul> <li>cleaners — all-purpose, dusting,<br/>glass + mirror, floor</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Spray and wipe any glass or mirrors. Spot check any windows and clean if necessary.</li> <li>Quickly sweep and vacuum all floors.</li> </ul>    |
| <ul> <li>empty container for dirty cloths or<br/>paper towels</li> </ul>       | <ul><li> Wash all floors.</li><li> Put out fresh kitchen and bathroom towels.</li></ul>  |
| <ul> <li>caddy or container to carry supplies<br/>from room to room</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Place dirty cleaning cloths in container.</li> <li>Repeat as needed.</li> </ul>   |
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## Washing Machine Quick Clean

for top loading washers

Cleaning your top loading washing machine is simple, all you really need is white vinegar and some cleaning cloths.

Worried that your laundry room will smell like a pickle? Once the rinse cycle runs you won't smell the vinegar.

## HOW TO ADD IT TO YOUR ROUTINE:

If you're adding cleaning your washing machine to your cleaning rotation, clean it monthly or at least every 3 months.

#### TOP LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- Start by setting your washer to its hottest temperature, highest capacity and longest cycle.
- Add four cups of white vinegar to the hot water, close the lid and allow it to agitate for several minutes.
- Open the lid or pause/stop the machine and allow it to sit for an hour so that the vinegar can do its job to get rid of the bacteria, mold and mildew and the hoses of your machine.
- After you have run a complete cycle with the vinegar solution, you can repeat the process if your washing machine is extra dirty. The vinegar does a great job of removing any buildup, not to mention softening any soap scum and other residue that may be in the washer and hoses. Let your machine agitate the solution for several minutes and open the lid.
- While you allow this solution to sit for an hour, it's time to tackle the exterior of the washer as well as the fabric softener and bleach reservoirs. Using soft cleaning cloth, dip it in the vinegar solution and wring it out. Wipe down the exterior, lid and control panel, taking care to not get it too wet. Remove any compartments and wipe down around the area where scum and dirt tends to collect. Rinse your cloth and remove the softener reservoir from the machine and wipe the exterior and interior of it as well. Close the lid and allow the washer to complete its cycle.



#### my number one maintenance tip

Be sure to leave the door open to prevent moisture build-up in between loads and clean it inside and out every month.

# Washing Machine Quick Clean

### for front loading washers

Cleaning your front loading washing machine is simple, all you really need is white vinegar and some cleaning cloths.

Worried that your laundry room will smell like a pickle? Once the rinse cycle runs you won't smell the vinegar.

## HOW TO ADD IT TO YOUR ROUTINE:

If you're adding cleaning your washing machine to your cleaning rotation, clean it monthly or at least every 3 months.

#### FRONT LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- Select the hot water setting. If your machine does not have a hot water setting, then select a "white" or a "stain" cycle setting.
- O Select the "extra rinse" option if your washer has that choice.
- Add 1 cup of white vinegar to the drum and fill the washing machine.
- Allow the cycle to run until it has completed.
- After you have finished washing the interior of the washer, take a couple minutes to clean the dispensers. These can be easily cleaned by simply removing and washing in warm, soapy water to remove any residue or by wiping them down with white vinegar on a cleaning cloth. Rinse and dry them thoroughly before reinserting them.
- Make sure you wipe down the rubber seal on the door as it is a perfect hiding spot for mold and mildew. Carefully pull back the rubber gasket and inspect to see if you have mold, mildew or socks lurking. Carefully wipe down the area with white vinegar and a soft cleaning cloth. Rinse with a cloth dampened with water and dry thoroughly with a clean cloth to prevent any moisture build-up.
- After cleaning these three zones, you can wipe down the exterior and control panel with a damp cleaning cloth.
   Maintaining a clean washer and eliminating the stinky laundry issue is simple.



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## Dishwasher Quick Clean

# It doesn't necessarily make sense to have to clean an appliance that cleans...

but food particles and minerals can build up in your dishwasher preventing it from cleaning thoroughly. Add cleaning your dishwasher to your cleaning rotation – your dishes will be cleaner and your dishwasher will run more efficiently.

## HOW TO ADD IT TO YOUR ROUTINE:

If you're adding cleaning your dishwasher to your cleaning rotation, clean it monthly or at least every 3 months.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Start by running the dishwasher and removing any clean dishes. Your dishwasher needs to be empty to clean it.
- Wipe the edges and seal with your favorite all-purpose cleaner or white vinegar and a clean, soft cloth.
- Remove the bottom rack and check for any food particles or blockages. If you see any blockages you can use a toothpick to get them out.
- If you have a filter in your dishwasher remove it and rinse it out with hot water. You can also use a clean toothbrush to give it a little scrub.
- Pour one cup of vinegar in the bottom of the dishwasher.
   Close the dishwasher and run it on a quick wash, hot, sanitize cycle. This will ensure that your dishwasher is completely clean and that any mineral build-up is washed away.
- When the dishwasher has completed its cycle wipe dry with a soft cloth.

#### clean mama says...



Cleaning your dishwasher will take about 5 minutes of hands-on cleaning time and as long it takes to run the dishwasher cycle. Try this quick and easy method today!



# **Spring Cleaning**

#### \* CHECKLISTS \*

Spring Cleaning can be done anytime! Use the checklist that best fits your time and energy level and do what you can. It isn't a race, just a method to deep clean your home and to get after some of those neglected areas.

# **Quick Start**

| GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES   | HOW TO GET STARTED   |  |
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| caddy to carry supplies  | Do a little bit each day until the cleaning  |  |
| <ul> <li>gloves, sponges + multi-size<br/>scrub brushes</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>is done or power through the list.</li><li>Dust the entire house.</li></ul>                        |  |
| O dusting wand and/or cloth  | <ul><li>Clean all light fixtures.</li><li>Vacuum and then wash baseboards.</li></ul>                       |  |
| window squeegee  | <ul><li>Wash doors.</li><li>Clean any handles and knobs.</li></ul>   |  |
| O lint roller + cleaning cloths  | <ul> <li>Clean vents and change filters.</li> <li>Clean window treatments and wash the windows.</li> </ul> |  |
| vacuum cleaner + attachments   | O Wash or fluff pillows.   |  |
| O spray bottles + cleaning bucket  | <ul><li>Wash bedding.</li><li>Rotate + freshen mattresses.</li></ul>                                       |  |
| O garbage bags   | <ul><li>Clean carpets.</li><li>Clean hard surface floors.</li></ul>  |  |
| <ul> <li>cleaners — all-purpose, dusting,<br/>glass + mirror, disinfecting, powder<br/>+ soft scrub</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Deep clean bathrooms.</li><li>Deep clean bedrooms.</li><li>Deep clean kitchen.</li></ul>           |  |
|  | + → You got this!  |  |

# **60 Minute Spring Clean**

Want to spring clean your home but don't have the time? This simple list will show you exactly how to maximize the time you spend and minimize the effort.

| 1. START IN THE KITCHEN 15 MINUTES  | 2. MOVE TO THE BATHROOM 15 MINUTES  |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>Empty the sink and dishwasher.</li> <li>Wipe down kitchen counters with a cloth and soapy water.</li> <li>Wipe the fronts of your appliances.</li> <li>Put out a fresh dish towel.</li> </ul>                              | <ul> <li>Spray surfaces — sinks, counters, toilets, tubs.</li> <li>Wipe mirrors.</li> <li>Scrub toilets.</li> <li>Wipe surfaces.</li> </ul> |
| 3. THEN THE LIVING AREA 15 MINUTES  | 4. FINALLY THE BEDROOM 10 MINUTES   |
| <ul> <li>Put your throws and pillows in the dryer to quickly freshen them up.</li> <li>Do a quick dust of surfaces with a wand duster.</li> <li>Quickly vacuum the floors.</li> <li>Vacuum edges, baseboards, and vents.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Make the bed.</li> <li>Do a quick dust of surfaces with a wand duster.</li> <li>Quickly vacuum the floors.</li> </ul>              |
| 5. WHOLE HOUSE PICK-UP 5 MINUTES  | NOTES:  |
| <ul><li>Pick up of any noticeable things to toss.</li><li>Take out garbage.</li></ul>   |   |

## **Whole Home Checklist**

Take the guesswork out of spring cleaning with this whole home checklist. Complete over the course of a week, month, or anytime you need to do some spring cleaning.

| dust edges + corners at the ceiling level | clean laundry room                        |
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| dust edges + corners at the ground level  | wash interior windows                     |
| dust or vacuum vents                      | clean window sills + sashes               |
| vacuum edges of the baseboards            | wash exterior windows (if possible)       |
| wash baseboards                           | launder curtains /drapes + clean blinds   |
| wipe switch-plates                        | wash bath mats + shower curtains          |
| wipe door knobs                           | clean + clear bathroom counters           |
| dust light fixtures                       | clean toilets — tank to floor             |
| dust any ceiling fans                     | clean bathtubs + showers                  |
| clean refrigerator                        | wash bathroom floors                      |
| clean freezer                             | wash bedding — switch out if necessary    |
| clean oven                                | rotate + vacuum mattresses                |
| clean microwave                           | dust all the surfaces in your home        |
| clean dishwasher                          | vacuum all the floors in your home        |
| clean appliance fronts                    | wash all hard surface floors in your home |
| wipe kitchen cupboards                    | sweep/vacuum garage                       |
| wipe kitchen drawers                      | sweep porch/patio                         |
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# **Home Project Checklist**

Use this blank checklist for small details or large projects you want to accomplish another time or alongside your cleaning. Write down those distracting to-dos + check them off as you complete.

# Room-By-Room

Do you prefer to clean room-by-room? Use these simple checklists to guide your cleaning in each room. Complete at your own pace and check off your progress.

| KITCHEN THE MOST USED SPACE                  | BATHROOMS OFTEN OVERLOOKED                        |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>dust above cabinets</li> </ul>      | <ul> <li>dust above cabinets</li> </ul>           |
| <ul> <li>clean light fixtures</li> </ul>     | o clean light fixtures                            |
| o clean cupboards + cabinets                 | o clean cupboards + cabinets                      |
| o clean handles + knobs                      | o clean handles + knobs                           |
| o clean vent / filters                       | <ul> <li>clean bathroom vent</li> </ul>           |
| o clean stove vent / filter                  | o clean / declutter counters                      |
| o clean microwave                            | o scrub sink                                      |
| o clean oven + cook top / stove              | <ul> <li>deep clean faucets + fixtures</li> </ul> |
| O clean refrigerator + freezer               | o spray + wipe down all surfaces                  |
| o clean other small appliances               | o scrub bathtub and/or shower                     |
| o clean / declutter counters                 | <ul> <li>thoroughly clean toilet</li> </ul>       |
| <ul><li>wash counters</li></ul>              | O launder bath mats / rugs                        |
| O launder or vacuum area rugs                | o vacuum floors + baseboards                      |
| o vacuum floors + baseboards                 | <ul><li>wash floors + baseboards</li></ul>        |
| <ul> <li>wash floors + baseboards</li> </ul> | <ul><li>wash windows</li></ul>                    |
| o polish furniture                           |   |
| <ul><li>wash windows</li></ul>               | 0   |
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## **BEDROOMS** LIVING AREAS **MEANT-TO-BE OASIS** HANG OUT + RELAX dust the entire room dust the entire room clean light fixtures clean light fixtures clean window treatments clean window treatments clean handles + knobs clean handles + knobs clean vents clean remotes dust + clean electronics spot clean walls rotate mattresses clean vents wash or freshen pillows spot clean walls wash or freshen pillows launder bedding launder blankets launder quilts + comforters polish furniture polish furniture vacuum floors + baseboards vacuum floors + baseboards wash baseboards wash baseboards clean carpet or wash floor clean carpet or wash floor wash windows wash windows

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## LAUNDRY ROOM ENTRYWAY / MUDROOM **ENJOY DOING LAUNDRY** THE ENTRANCE dust the ceiling + corners dust the ceiling + corners clean washing machine clean light fixtures clean dryer + lint trap clean cupboards + cabinets clean vent / filters clean handles + knobs wipe appliance fronts clean doors vacuum under washer + dryer declutter / clean shoe storage clean / declutter counters declutter coats + jackets clean cupboards + cabinets clean vents clean / declutter shelves spot clean walls declutter + assess supplies polish furniture spot clean walls launder or vacuum area rugs vacuum floors + baseboards vacuum floors + baseboards wash floors + baseboards wash floors + baseboards wash windows wash windows

# **Blank Room-By-Room Checklist**

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