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Guest2454 (Guest): my name is Jan

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Jennifer (Moderator): Hello friends!

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ShannonMinner: Hi Jennifer!

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Guest6916 (Guest): Hello!

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Guest6916 (Guest): My name is Debbie. Is this where we go for the bookclub?

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Jennifer (Moderator): Yes! You are in the right place.

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ShannonMinner: Welcome Debbie and any other guests. Book chats are always a lot of fun!

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Jennifer (Moderator): Tonight we are discussing The Joy of Less by Francine

Jay: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003UNJX4S/ref=as_li_ss_tl?_encoding=UTF8&colid=1DLESZSPNWWV1C&coliid=I3W4HPBRK2BKQS&linkCode=ll1&tag=simplscrap06-20&linkId=ce6a7f85db2bece9fb8c245aeb6a25a1

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Jennifer (Moderator): Welcome to those joining us for the first time!

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Hi Jennifer!

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Jennifer (Moderator): Just another minute until we officially get started. I'm going to post a note on Facebook real quick.

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LauraKaplan: Hello!

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EdithBanks: Hi!

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Jennifer (Moderator): So for every Book Club discussion I prepare a series of questions, most of which have a specific quote from the book as a frame of reference.

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Marie-MichèleLivernoche: Hi!

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Jennifer (Moderator): Please know that you are just as welcome here whether you have read the book or not. Most of my questions related to your personal experiences rather than your reactions to the book itself.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I'm so glad, as I didn't read this one.

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Jennifer (Moderator): To kick things off... tell us where you live and your favorite type of scrapbooking.

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CarrieAnderson: Kennewick WA....12 x 12 pages but i dabble in almost all of it...lol

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LauraKaplan: Chicago suburbs - mostly 12x12 traditional pages, but I've done a little of everything.

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ShannonMinner: Middle Tennessee. Traditional 12x12 layouts and pocket pages.

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I live in Iowa and I like traditional 8.5x11 pages best

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HeidiCocca: I'm in the middle of a move from Pennsylvania to Connecticut & I'm a paper scrapper (12x12 mostly)

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Guest6916 (Guest): I live in Michigan and I am working on traditional 12x12 pages.

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Austin...12x12 with pocket pages inbetween

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Candace: Wisconsin. Hybrid scrapping with a mix of sizes.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Central California, mostly traditional 12X12 layouts.

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CarolWhite: St. Charles, MO and I prefer traditional scrapbooking, 12x12 or sometimes 8x8

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helenh: I'm in New England and I make lots of travel books.

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JudiPartlo: I live in New Mexico and do 12X12, hybrid, pocket pages, a little of everything.

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CarrieAnderson: kim ...i didnt know you were 8.5x11

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CarrieAnderson: hi carol....hi judi

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EdithBanks: Godfrey, IL (closer to St. Louis) 6x8 and some 12x12

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Carrie - I dabble, but that's my favorite!

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CarolWhite: Waving at you, Carrie~

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JudiPartlo: Hi Carrie!!!

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WendyKiely: Hi all, I am in Perth, Western Australia, and I like pockets and traditional

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Jennifer (Moderator): I think I am loving 12x12 layouts right now.. after doing all kinds of sizes over the past few years.

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Guest8083 (Guest): St Louis and I do a bit of everything.

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Marie-MichÃ“leLivernoche: Jennifer will you use capital letters this time, like you used to? It is easier to follow afterwards especially on the transcript!

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Cindy March: Long Island, New York. My favorite are 12x12 pages.

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Jennifer (Moderator): SURE THING!

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Jennifer (Moderator): LETS JUMP IN TO OUR DISCUSSION...

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: That makes it easier.

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Guest5386 (Guest): FT Smith AR 12 x 12

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CarolWhite: Hello to Guest 8083! Are you a close neighbor?

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Marie-MichÃ“leLivernoche: Quebec, Canada. 12 x 12 pages and project life

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 7 - "When our homes are overflowing with clutter, our souls take a backseat to our stuff. We no longer have the time, energy, and space for new experiences. We feel cramped and inhabited, like we can't fully stretch out and express ourselves."

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Guest8083 (Guest): My Internet is down...so trying this tonight from my phone...

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q1. How do you feel when your home, especially your creative workspace, is cluttered?

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Guest8083 (Guest): Chesterfield, so yes, Carol.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: It is all I have ever known, and I am suffocating.

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CarolWhite: Definitely close! Nice to "meet" you.

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CarrieAnderson: like Fawn....i dont know any different

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JudiPartlo: Overwhelmed, distracted and frustrated, sometimes even a little depressed

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Guest6916 (Guest): Claustrophobic! I end up going in circles and feeling very overwhelmed.

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LauraKaplan: Sometimes I can handle it, but other times I want to rip my hair out, and then I avoid scrapping because I can't face the clutter.

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Cindy March: Slightly overwhelmed.

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CarrieAnderson: ive learned to live with it to a certain extent

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Jennifer (Moderator): I NOTICE THE FEELING MOST WHEN I AM TRAVELING... I LOVE NOT BEING AROUND ALL THE STUFF

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Irritated

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Guest5386 (Guest): anxious

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CarolWhite: You guys are all saying what I feel

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helenh: I worry about tripping over stuff.

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HeidiCocca: It frustrates me

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ShannonMinner: I feel overwhelmed. When my space is cluttered I am less productive.

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CarrieAnderson: jennifer....thats how i feel when i travel too....

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Cindy March: I am the opposite, I love seeing my stuff.

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EdithBanks: Overwhelmed and angry at my self that I dont take the time to put things up

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Ha, Jennifer - when we're traveling I find myself irritated because nothing has it's space, so it gets strewn about the hotel room!

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CarrieAnderson: helen....yes!!!! or dropping stuff or breaking things...lol

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LauraKaplan: When I travel I miss my stuff...

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HeidiCocca: And isn't that what the book said.. that vacation means 'empty' (or some variation of that)

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Guest6916 (Guest): That's why I love camping.... you can only take so much!

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Guest8083 (Guest): I go through cycles where I just can't take it anymore.

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CarrieAnderson: in mexico i lived out of a suitcase for two weeks....and i really wanted to bring that simplicity home with me....alas....it didnt last lol

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Jennifer (Moderator): OH INTERESTING HOW WE'RE ALL SO DIFFERENT. I AM SUPER ORGANIZED WHEN WE TRAVEL... I LINE THINGS UP, MAKE SURE THEY ARE TUCKED AWAY ETC. I FEEL LIKE I CAN CONTROL IT VS. AT HOME.

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Guest5386 (Guest): Jennifer why did I have to sign in as a guest to be able to comment (Pat Moore)

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CarolWhite: So much less to control.

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CarrieAnderson: carol....agreed...its like one of something versus six of something....choice is eliminated and decisions are easier

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CarolWhite: Yes!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Good point, Carrie

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Fewer options equals easier decision-making.

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Jennifer (Moderator): PAT.. IF YOU WANT TO SIGN IN AS A MEMBER YOU CAN GO TO <http://member.simplescrafter.com> AND PARTICIPATE FROM THERE. IT'S THE SAME CHAT ROOM.



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HeidiCocca: And that's very true with scrapbooking too -- if you have 5 packs of letter stickers, you take the time to look at each one... which one is perfect?? If there is only one, there is no decision, it just works

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ShannonMinner: I tend to be more organized when I travel because I have a limit to the amount I can take.

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 16 - "Our stuff can be divided into three categories: useful stuff, beautiful stuff, and emotional stuff."

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Candace: Paring down my craft supplies has really helped me feel the joy. I wish I could wave a magic wand to organize the rest of my stuff though.

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q2. How would you categorize photos, scrapbook supplies, and creative tools. What can be deduce from your answer?

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CarrieAnderson: heidi...yes....five or twentyfive...haahahaa

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CarrieAnderson: photos are emotional....supplies are beautiful...and tools are useful....

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ShannonMinner: All 3 I use it to actually scrapbook, what I bought is beautiful, and it's connected to my photos and memories so it's emotional.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Photos are beautiful/emotional; supplies and tools useful and beautiful.

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): But even useful, beautiful, or emotional, I find I can still have too much.

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CarolWhite: To me they are essential (not quite as essential as food and clothes).

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Cindy March: For I guess the emotional stuff is what I keep because of its sentimental value.

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LauraKaplan: I agree with Carrie.

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CindyDavenport: Photos are definitely emotional "stuff" for me. The rest would fall into some form of useful stuff

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Guest6916 (Guest): I think my scrapbook supplies are both useful and beautiful. My photos are emotional

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Guest5386 (Guest): Candace it is the opposite for me...I have pared down house stuff, but scrap stuff not so much

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EdithBanks: Photos could be emotional and beautiful

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CarrieAnderson: that's very revealing to me because I hoard sentimental and beautiful things but tools I can do bare minimum

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JudiPartlo: I like how Carrie stated it

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Cindy March: Good answer Carrie.

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CarrieAnderson:

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Jennifer (Moderator): SCRAPBOOKING IS A VERY PERSONAL HOBBY, SO ALL THE OVERLAP... AND IN DIFFERING AMOUNTS FOR EACH PERSON... I THINK EXPLAINS WHY WE COLLECT, WHY WE KEEP AT IT, WHY IT'S IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL TO US

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Guest8083 (Guest): I hold on to a lot of memorabilia too, the emotional....

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Clippings and programs and notes.

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HeidiCocca: Oh yes to the memorabilia!!

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PamelaMontagno: Hi

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CarolWhite: i hold on to every little scrap of memorabilia

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JudiPartlo: Yes - memorabilia is definitely emotional for me!

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CarolWhite: tickets, programs, pictures the grandkids color, cards...

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: And so hard to organize, too.

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CarolWhite: bulky

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Guest8083 (Guest): Hard to scrap too because it isn't always beautiful!

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Cindy March: Also not acid-free.

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CarrieAnderson: im seriously about ready to toss mine...i never never do anything with it!!!!

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Interesting...I hang on to memorabilia and let it get the best of me, because I thought that was what Scrapbookers did! But I never used any of it in layouts or shared any of it with others, so I'm all but done with memorabilia!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Do you put any more importance on any of those qualifiers? What is more important to you? Useful, beautiful, emotional?

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I have my elem. school report cards...and I'm 67 years old!

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Jennifer (Moderator): I SAVE SOME THINGS, BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT SCRAPBOOKING WITH IT.. I THINK IT'S OK TO JUST ENJOY HAVING IT.

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CarrieAnderson: ive heard several podcasts recently where they have talked about scanning or taking a picture of it and letting it go....that sounds appealing to me

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HeidiCocca: I really want to use Project Life for the memorabilia, but never do

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Guest6916 (Guest): I take a lot of pictures of the memorabilia and then have to decide what to do with the pictures lol

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helenh: Me, too, Fawn.

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Jennifer (Moderator): I HAVE A FOLDER OF THINGS FROM HIGH SCHOOL THAT I LOVE TO THUMB THROUGH.. EVEN THE FOLDER ITSELF IS A TIME MACHINE WITH THE STICKERS AND DOODLES

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Yes!

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Cindy March: Good for you Dawn. I have lots of stuff like that.

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CindyDavenport: Carrie, over the past year or so I've become a fan of scanning memobilia

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CarolWhite: I recently found a cookbook we had made in 4th grade. The cover is falling apart, but oh, the memories!

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HeidiCocca: Jennifer, same here -- I even have some notes that are still folded up

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CarrieAnderson: jennifer....i have some notes from high school...in those elaborately folded tiny triangles we used to do...haahahahaaa

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Jennifer (Moderator): OMG YES CARRIE!

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CarolWhite: I have a box of folded notes between me and my best friend from HS

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CarrieAnderson:

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: My granddaughters are making those now.

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 21 - "It's not easy to be a minimalist in a mass-media world."

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q3. Is minimalism something you strive for? Do you agree or disagree with the quote?

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CarrieAnderson: yay!! fawn its always so sweet to see that...lol

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Candace: I have been scanning or taking pictures of the memorabilia. But all the previous years..... binned. and no one sees it.

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PamelaMontagno: I have notes from a best friend in high school

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CarrieAnderson: agree with the quote.....and some days i strive for it....but not very hard...haahahaaa

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Guest8083 (Guest): My high school book I scrapped has mostly memorabilia since I didn't take many photos.

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LauraKaplan: After reading this book, I've decided that I'm just not cut out to be a minimalist. Although, I think I could make progress toward that.

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CarolWhite: I would never scrapbook those old notes, but I love to open them up every once in awhile. Some are so embarrassing!

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): I'm not striving for minimalist, but not collecting much anymore.

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HeidiCocca: When we put our house on the market earlier this year, we paired lots of stuff down to stage the house... and it felt really good, even my 10 year old agreed. I'd like to keep it that way in the new house.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I don't need minimalism, but I do want control.

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Guest6916 (Guest): I strive to minimize because the clutter makes me crazy.....but my husband is NOT a minimalist!!!

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CarrieAnderson: laura....agree!! i want to have LESS....but NOT nothing...lol

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CarolWhite: everything in moderation

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EdithBanks: Whenever there was a statement about becoming a minimalist- I would say to myself - I don't want to be a minimalist!!!

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JudiPartlo: I agree with the quote but don't think I want to be as mimimalistic as the author encourages - I just want simplicity and organization

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Yes, carol!

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CarrieAnderson: guest6916....were the opposite....my hubby is constantly trying to make me get rid of things....

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HeidiCocca: Yes, Judi!!

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EdithBanks: Yes Judi

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Me, too, Judi.

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CarolWhite: for me, anyway. I don't want to be a minimalist, but I don't want to be overwhelmed by clutter

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Guest5386 (Guest): agree Judi

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Jennifer (Moderator): THERE IS CERTAINLY A SPECTRUM FROM MINIMALIST TO MAXIMALIST

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Guest8083 (Guest): I do pretty well not purchasing crafty supplies, then I watch some YouTube videos and want to buy it all.

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HeidiCocca: It should be "The Joy of Simplicity and Organization"

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LauraKaplan: And I'm awfully close to a maximalist right now!

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Guest6916 (Guest): LOL Carrie!

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Candace: Yes, Judi: simplicity and organization. Swoon!

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Cindy March: I think the author was an extreme minimalist, something I will never be.

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CarolWhite: We should write that book!

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CarrieAnderson: laura....my craft space is DEFINITELY maximalist

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I think for me it's about finding a balance between eliminating things just for the sake of eliminating them vs. if it's beneficial in some way to be rid of it

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CindyDavenport: What Carol said! Yes to moderation!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Good point, Amy

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CarrieAnderson: yes Kim....and i feel wasteful too....unless my stuff goes to a good home or i make some money on it

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CarrieAnderson: thats a whole other can of worms though....lol....*focus*

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 27 - "We never seem to have enough time in our days - perhaps our stuff is what's to blame?"

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Candace: So how can we reach that balance of which Kim speaks?! Seems otherworldly to me!!

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q4. If you feel like you don't have time for scrapbooking, do you think your stuff is part of the problem? If so, is it your scrapbooking stuff or the rest of your stuff?

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HeidiCocca: Agree Carrie, I don't want to just throw it away... I'd rather see it go to another crafter or a school

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Guest8083 (Guest): I agree Kim. She talked about getting rid of a lot of stuff, but if I have space in my closet or cabinets with nothing in "deep storage" does it hurt to keep some of it?

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Guest6916 (Guest): The rest of my stuff....keeping up the house etc takes the majority of my time...

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CarolWhite: The rest of my stuff! I spend so much time cleaning and keeping up.

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ShannonMinner: No, I feel like working a full time job and handling family responsibilities keep me from scrapbooking.

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JudiPartlo: For me, sometimes stuff (rest of my stuff, not so much scrap stuff) is to blame, sometimes it's taking on too many activities

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CarrieAnderson: definitely part of the problem....and yes i would say it is the huge amount of scrapbooking stuff

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CarolWhite: I think one should do what feels best for them, not adhere to a minimalist "RULE"

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EdithBanks: It's life that gets in the way

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PamelaMontagno: True Edith

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HeidiCocca: In my current home, my work from home office becomes the craft room at night... and many nights I find I can't focus to scrapbook - when we move, this was one of my top wants in a house, two separate spaces.. the weight of the work 'stuff' was definitely weighing me down

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Guest5386 (Guest): agree with edith

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LauraKaplan: It's everything, but I think I would find it more peaceful to sit down and scrap if I had more room and less stuff.

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Jennifer (Moderator): THIS DISCUSSION IS ALWAYS FASCINATING TO ME... BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH TIME TO SCRAPBOOK / DESIRE TO CREATE MORE CONSISTENTLY IS #1 ISSUE I HEAR... YET SO MANY OF THE ANSWERS REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SCRAPBOOKING

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): The rest of others stuff...handling estate issues, gets in my way.

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helenh: I always choose scrapbooking over housecleaning.

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CarrieAnderson: laura....agreed

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CarolWhite: Heidi, I would find it hard to separate work from creative time in the same space. I hope you get your wish.

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CarrieAnderson: helen....me too....haahahaahaaaa

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Having no dedicated scrapping space slows me down...I hate having to haul it out and then put it away before I'm ready.

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CarrieAnderson: however i often choose tv or social media over scrapbooking.....

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): I love your approach to seasons, Jennifer. Some seasons life is too much and needs to be paired down, especially if I want to be creative.

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CarrieAnderson: fawn....that is so hard!

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Guest8083 (Guest): I treat myself with scrapbooking. I do a little bit of work then scrap a lot.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I like that!

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Melanie Ritchie: The stuff in my house is suffocating me. Can't keep up with it and it does affect my energy and ability to craft. For sure!

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Candace: I agree Fawn. I would love dedicated space for crafting.

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CarrieAnderson: melanie....i feel like that alot

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Melanie Ritchie: Carrie, I swear we're twinnies!!

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Jennifer (Moderator): I'M CURIOUS IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS "GET IT" WHEN IT COMES TO THAT SUFFOCATING FEELING. I KNOW THAT MY HUSBAND DOESN'T AT ALL.

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CarrieAnderson: melanie...yessssss

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Guest5386 (Guest): my husband nor mt grown daughters get it

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CarolWhite: My husband does not. Is it because they are not the primary homemakers? (Making an assumption there)

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): My husband does. He can't function any better than I when life or stuff crowds us.

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Melanie Ritchie: My husband gets it but can't bring himself to deal with it and I don't have the stamina to do it all myself. Trying though!

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CarrieAnderson: my husband isnt bothered by the stuff so much as by the chaos....so its different for him....

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: My ex was a minimalist...he always said my stuff suffocated him. It took me years to understand what he meant.

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Guest6916 (Guest): My husband doesn't get it...I think he is more comfortable with a lot of "stuff"!

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CarrieAnderson: carol....i think thats a big part of it

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Guest8083 (Guest): Since I get that in waves, I prepare my husband that it's a ticking time bomb and something needs to be done.

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CindyDavenport: My husband never did "get it" but seems to be coming around to letting go of some of his stuff.

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): my husband isn't as bothered by excess but he is very supportive and a good sounding board for me when I want to purge

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ShannonMinner: My husband threatens to pull a dumpster up to the house and start tossing.

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LauraKaplan: My husband has a different tolerance for clutter than I do. I'll be batty over something that he seems to not notice, then other things he complains about that I didn't think anything of. It's interesting.

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CarolWhite: I think having the book laying around scared my husband! He was afraid I was going to throw away some of his precious items. I use precious loosely.

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CarolWhite:

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ShannonMinner: I told him we need to work on cleaning out the attached garage.

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HeidiCocca: Shannon -- I've heard those exact words

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Jennifer (Moderator): YES LAURA!

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Guest6916 (Guest): My husband hangs on to a lot of emotional stuff and also the "I might need this someday" stuff

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Candace: I agree Laura.

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ShannonMinner: I am the pack rat out of the two of us.

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JudiPartlo: Same here, Laura!!

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PamelaMontagno: Yes Laura

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CarolWhite: Guest 6916~are you also married to my husband???

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Jennifer (Moderator): LOL

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helenh: I have thrown out my husband's 4 year old grocery receipts.

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CarrieAnderson: im definitely the KEEPER....not the TOSSER

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CarrieAnderson: haahahaa

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Jennifer (Moderator): SO HERE'S A TWIST ON THIS CONVO...

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 60 - "We can minimize our personal consumer footprints by buying local, buying used, and buying less."

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Guest6916 (Guest): Lol Carol!

May 31, 10:04 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q5. Economic and environmental ethics are one facet of the minimalism conversation, and as scrapbookers I think we can all agree we are in a privileged position to invest in a hobby. Do you ever think about the broader impact of your scrapbook purchases?

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CarrieAnderson: shannon.....my husband threatens me with a dumpster all the time....lol

May 31, 10:05 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I think about how lucky I am to have the leisure and (sometimes) the cash to indulge in my hobby, which is also my passion.

May 31, 10:05 PM

CarolWhite: Agree, Fawn.

May 31, 10:05 PM

ShannonMinner: Yes, I am big with recycling and I worry about how many trees I have killed to get my decorative paper stash. Seriously.

May 31, 10:06 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I cherish my role as the family historian.

May 31, 10:06 PM

Cindy March: Yes and I try to buy as much as I can from my local scrapbook store.

May 31, 10:06 PM

PamelaMontagno: I live my scrapbooking stuff

May 31, 10:06 PM

HeidiCocca: I could be spending my money in other ways... gambling, drinking, drugs... I think scrapbooking is a much better option than any of those

May 31, 10:06 PM

CarrieAnderson: i definitely feel privileged.....sometimes i wish i was MORE privileged....haahahahaaa...but i definitely have more than enough of what is a WANT not a NEED

May 31, 10:06 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: True, Heidi!

May 31, 10:06 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): I sometimes think who would want the scrapbooks I am making....maybe just more stuff for someone else to care for. So I've decided to just see them as something pleasurable for me.

May 31, 10:06 PM

helenh: I'm more concerned about the abundance of cheap clothing than paper products.

May 31, 10:06 PM

EdithBanks: Sometimes - I think about the amount of packaging I throw away and the amount of money I spend

May 31, 10:06 PM

CarrieAnderson: heidi...good point....i'll remember that....ahahahaaa

May 31, 10:07 PM

CarolWhite: I'm not sure what my broader impact would be. I don't think I purchase THAT much.

May 31, 10:07 PM

CarolWhite: Keep someone employed.

May 31, 10:07 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I do feel guilty sometimes - on one hand, it can seem frivolous, though on the other hand I love getting family stories told, documenting our lives, and playing with pretty product

May 31, 10:07 PM

CarrieAnderson: edith....yes packaging....although i feel more guilty about my daily amazon boxes than my scrap supplies...oops

May 31, 10:07 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: And it keeps me "off the streets and out of trouble"!

May 31, 10:07 PM

LauraKaplan: All the supplies are cheaper than therapy, anyway!

May 31, 10:08 PM

CarolWhite: Again, everything in moderation. I would hate to beat up on people that are pursuing a hobby that does good and not evil.

May 31, 10:08 PM

Guest5386 (Guest): I recycle, but never thought about the impact of my hobby

May 31, 10:08 PM

LauraKaplan: Ha! Carrie, I thought I was the only one with daily packages arriving! I'll have to tell my husband

May 31, 10:08 PM

CarrieAnderson: laura....haahahahaaa....prime is my drug...lol

May 31, 10:08 PM

HeidiCocca: I think my Amazon Prime purchases are worst for the environment than scrapbooking purchases...

May 31, 10:08 PM

LauraKaplan: Someone told me once that I sold my soul for free shipping.....

May 31, 10:08 PM

PamelaMontagno: Lol Heidi

May 31, 10:09 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): HEHE... PRIME IS A SERIOUS DRUG.. AS IS SEPHORA'S VERSION OF PRIME

May 31, 10:09 PM

Guest5386 (Guest): Lo Laura

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Guest5386 (Guest): Love my Prime

May 31, 10:09 PM

helenh: I agree about free shipping. How much do you have to spend to save, what, \$7?

May 31, 10:09 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: \$35.

May 31, 10:09 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PURCHASE MORE LOCALLY, EVEN IF IT IS SLIGHTLY MORE EXPENSIVE... LIKE MY HUSBAND REALLY LIKES DR. BRONNER'S

CITRUS SOAP, BUT ONLY ONE STORE HERE HAS IT AND IT IS LIKE \$1 MORE PER BAR THAN ORDERING IT ONLINE

May 31, 10:09 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): There is a minimalist Scrapper that takes apart layouts and reuses product...something I'd never do.

May 31, 10:10 PM

CarrieAnderson: sold my soul.....love it!!!!

May 31, 10:10 PM

CarolWhite: They do WHAT?!!

May 31, 10:10 PM

Guest5386 (Guest): Oh my 8083 seriously

May 31, 10:10 PM

PamelaMontagno: That is crazy

May 31, 10:10 PM

EdithBanks: Suzanne Fishburne

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarrieAnderson: i like prime cause its 2 days or less....im a instant gratification gal....hahaa

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarolWhite: I wish there was a LSS to purchase supplies from

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarolWhite: What's the point of that, I wonder?

May 31, 10:11 PM

HeidiCocca: Yes, I miss having a LSS... I would LOVE to support locally, but it's just not an option for me

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarrieAnderson: carol....if there was one around i would definitely keep them in business

May 31, 10:11 PM

LauraKaplan: I bought all my scrappy supplies locally at one time - but now I have nowhere to buy locally!

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarolWhite: I would buy a lot more, I'm sure of that!

May 31, 10:11 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Carol, I think it is more about enjoying the process than the end result

May 31, 10:11 PM

CarrieAnderson: susanne is also the one that uses random non scrap stuff to make books....

May 31, 10:11 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I'm a Close To My Heart consultant, and my best customer!

May 31, 10:12 PM

ShannonMinner: So am I Fawn, and that statement is true for me too.

May 31, 10:12 PM

JudiPartlo: I don't either, except Hobby Lobby, which I'm glad for but doesn't have much of what I am looking for

May 31, 10:12 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: But our stuff is SO pretty!

May 31, 10:12 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): Carol, ever head over to scrapbook factory or the little stamp shop in kirkwood?

May 31, 10:12 PM

CarolWhite: I guess that's it, Kim, but I couldn't do that!

May 31, 10:12 PM

CarolWhite: I guess I don't know about those!!!

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarolWhite: Oh, is the stamp shop close to the train depot?

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarrieAnderson: judi...we have a craft warehouse that is KIND of local but they dont get alot of what i want....

May 31, 10:13 PM

EdithBanks: Is there still a store in Kirkwood? I thought the Inkspot,closed.

May 31, 10:13 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): Scrapbook factory is in O'Fallon, IL area.

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarolWhite: I'll have to look up Scrapbook Factory.

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarolWhite: Shoot, I don't do Illinois

May 31, 10:13 PM

JudiPartlo: I haven't been to a real scrapbook store in quite a few years, back when I lived in Wisconsin....

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarolWhite: Just not comfortable driving.

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarrieAnderson: sharing shopping information is not very minimalist ladies.....

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarolWhite: Driving over to Illinois.

May 31, 10:13 PM

CarrieAnderson: haahahahaa

May 31, 10:14 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: Our nearest LSS is 2 hrs away.

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarolWhite: Caught us!

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarrieAnderson: hahaahaha

May 31, 10:14 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): I DEFINITELY DON'T HAVE A STORE TO BUY SUPPLIES
LOCALLY... I GUESS ONE SPIN ON THIS WOULD BE... IS DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING
BETTER FOR THE WORLD?

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarolineHackney: I used to be much more of a minimalist but it's hard living with a packrat
hubby and a toddler!

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarolWhite: I'd rather drive to Springfield to Scrapbook Generation than drive to ILL!

May 31, 10:14 PM

Cindy March: We're promoting the local economy by shopping at our LSS.

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarrieAnderson: no...im sorry....its not.....digital is something different....apples to
oranges...not a comparision

May 31, 10:14 PM

HeidiCocca: Digital Scrapbooking -- I would say better for the environment and your wallet
(you can re-use items, etc)

May 31, 10:14 PM

CarrieAnderson: i mean....in my opinion

May 31, 10:15 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I suppose it could be, but it is not nearly as satisfying for me.

May 31, 10:15 PM

LauraKaplan: From what I understand, many digi scrappers don't re-use, and there are
new releases every week! Talk about temptation!

May 31, 10:15 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): I don't feel digital scrapbooking is for me. It doesn't seem real
somehow..

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HeidiCocca: I agree, Fawn... I want to touch the paper, etc

May 31, 10:15 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: Yep.

May 31, 10:15 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Caroline - kids definitely throw you for a spin...my girls are now old enough I try to let them make decisions about their things, which is sometimes frustrating.

May 31, 10:15 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): If you print it out, it's probably a bit of a wash.

May 31, 10:15 PM

PamelaMontagno: Me too Heidi

May 31, 10:15 PM

CarrieAnderson: yeah....i buy digi kits and then end up printing them....so....nope...haahaaa

May 31, 10:16 PM

CarolWhite: It doesn't seem to feed my soul like paper crafting does.

May 31, 10:16 PM

CarrieAnderson: agreed carol

May 31, 10:16 PM

PamelaMontagno: Right Carrie

May 31, 10:16 PM

Candace: Yes, texture and seeing the colors. So much more satisfying for me than digital. I dabble in a bit of digital only. Mostly word related, etc.

May 31, 10:16 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I've dabbled in digital....I definitely like the tactile sensation of paper, it seems like it serves a different purpose (creative therapy) vs. just documenting memories

May 31, 10:17 PM

LauraKaplan: I had to laugh when this author suggested to have one tote for your hobby. HA! Apparently she doesn't know any scrapbookers!

May 31, 10:17 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Laura - that stood out to me too

May 31, 10:17 PM

CarolWhite: Yes! I had to laugh at that!

May 31, 10:17 PM

PamelaMontagno: Tes

May 31, 10:17 PM

JudiPartlo: I remember that too, Laura - no way

May 31, 10:17 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I didn't read the book...but I might have thrown it across the room at that point!

May 31, 10:17 PM

PamelaMontagno: Yes

May 31, 10:17 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): THAT'S COMING UP!!

May 31, 10:17 PM

LauraKaplan: Oops, sorry, Jennifer!

May 31, 10:17 PM

CarolineHackney: I'm increasingly doing app scrapping as I'm being forced to pare down my real supplies, but I do like the tactile nature of paper.

May 31, 10:17 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): SUMMARY // Part two of The Joy of Less outlines the author's STREAMLINE method:

Start over

Trash, Treasure, or Transfer

Reason for each item

Everything in its place

All surfaces clear

Modules

Limits

If one comes in, one goes out

Narrow down

Everyday maintenance

May 31, 10:17 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q6. Which of these approaches are you already practicing? Which was new to you? Which will you implement next?

May 31, 10:18 PM

CarrieAnderson: omg....my husband says that.....cant it all fit in one bag....haahahahaaa

May 31, 10:18 PM

Melanie Ritchie: I do both and they serve different needs for me. Although both are creative and document memories, I view paper scrapbooking as crafting. It is tactile experience and it takes place at my favourite spot. It feeds my soul that way. So that benefits the world. Digital might be less wasteful but the experience of creating doesn't fulfill me in the same way.

May 31, 10:18 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): I went digital for project life....it made sense in that format.

May 31, 10:18 PM

Candace: My mom used to keep all her knitting supplies in one bin. Different craft for sure.

May 31, 10:18 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): WHAT MELANIE SAID!

May 31, 10:18 PM

EdithBanks: I liked the idea of modules for some things

May 31, 10:18 PM

CarrieAnderson: i have tried almost all of these at one point or another....ummmm....they didnt really stick....

May 31, 10:18 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Though I will say her concept about thinking about treating flat surfaces as if they were tilted (i.e. couldn't leave things on them) helped me mindshift

May 31, 10:18 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I am narrowing down (slowly).

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HeidiCocca: I really do like the idea of One comes in, one goes out... but more like if you use a pack of Thickers, then you can get a new one... not just get a new one for the sake of buying it. Not sure I could implement this successfully, but I like it in theory

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LauraKaplan: I already do (or try to do) everything in it's place and modules. None of the rest were necessarily new to me, but I want to put some of those in place.

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): I use trash, treasure, or transfer; reason for each item; and everyday maintenance.

May 31, 10:19 PM

CarrieAnderson: heidi.....i dont know if i have EVER used a whole package of thickers....haahahaaa

May 31, 10:19 PM

HeidiCocca: Yeah, that's true...

May 31, 10:19 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): The reason for each item sounds interesting to me. I haven't read the book, but thinking about exactly why I have an item might make me more willing to get rid of it. I

May 31, 10:19 PM

ShannonMinner: Heidi, that thought popped into my mind when I brought something home this weekend. Now I can't remember what I bought.

May 31, 10:19 PM

AleceNewell: Everything in its place and Narrow down

May 31, 10:19 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I definitely do modules, try for reason for everything and everything in it's place

May 31, 10:19 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): I WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME CLEARING ALL FLAT SURFACES... ALMOST ALL ARE PARTIALLY USED FOR SOME KIND OF STORAGE.

May 31, 10:20 PM

HeidiCocca: Shannon, well if you can't remember then you're fine to get another

May 31, 10:20 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): LIKE I ENJOY HAVING THINGS WITHIN REACH

May 31, 10:20 PM

CarolWhite: So true, Carrie! At what point do you pitch the sheet of letter stickers?

May 31, 10:20 PM

WendyKiely: Trying the no sticky surfaces, but kids and hubby come with extra stick

May 31, 10:20 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): I do a lot of them, but dream of starting over. Would love to be that crafter that just has one kit of stuff to use at a time.

May 31, 10:20 PM

CarrieAnderson: pitch? like throw away?? ummmmm..... i dont....eeeeek

May 31, 10:20 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: Or give away, Carrie.

May 31, 10:21 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 94 - "Whether you're a leader, knitter, scrapbooker, model builder, woodworker, or soapmaker, limit your materials to one storage bin. When it starts to overflow, use up some of your old stash before acquiring anything new - it's a great motivation to finish the projects you've started."

May 31, 10:21 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q7. Is this realistic for you as a scrapbooker? Pausing for a moment to assume it is possible, how might the practice of your hobby be different?

May 31, 10:21 PM

CarolineHackney: I'm attempting the narrowing down at the moment. It's hard when I come across something with sentimental value or something I bought for a project that never got finished (or started!)

May 31, 10:21 PM

CarolWhite: Carrie, ME EITHER!

May 31, 10:21 PM

Guest5386 (Guest): agree Jennifer within reach & storage

May 31, 10:21 PM

Amy Hanschen (Guest): I travel a lot and I travel with just one bag for scrap stuff....but I have a full room to choose what goes in the bag, haha!

May 31, 10:21 PM

CarrieAnderson: i have like first string and second string....lol

May 31, 10:21 PM

ShannonMinner: Ummm, one storage bin - NO!

May 31, 10:21 PM

JudiPartlo: I try to have a place for everything. I like the Everyday Maintenance, especially for keeping a clear surface. I don't do that all the time now, so may try and implement that - not all surfaces, just where I scrap!

May 31, 10:21 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): I HAD TO LAUGH AT THIS... I DON'T HAVE A HUGE STASH, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE JUST ONE BIN FOR EVERYTHING

May 31, 10:22 PM

HeidiCocca: I think I would be more motivated to scrapbook... use it up, so I can buy new

May 31, 10:22 PM

CarolineHackney: It would have to be a very large bin. :-D

May 31, 10:22 PM

EdithBanks: I try to be more mindful of buying new things

May 31, 10:22 PM

CarrieAnderson: whats that joke.....where the wife says all my supplies fit in one box....and the husband says....stop calling our house a boxhaahahahaahaaa

May 31, 10:22 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: A large bin on wheels...

May 31, 10:22 PM

ShannonMinner: I would feel to limited. There are to many products for different occasions.

May 31, 10:22 PM

PamelaMontagno: Yes definitely pairing down

May 31, 10:22 PM

JudiPartlo: A room sized bin maybe.....

May 31, 10:22 PM

Melanie Ritchie: One bin? That's hilarious! 😄😄😄. Oh they're serious? 😄😄😄

May 31, 10:22 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): HAHA

May 31, 10:22 PM

PamelaMontagno: Haha

May 31, 10:22 PM

Candace: Carrie: I love that!!

May 31, 10:22 PM

CarolWhite: Not possible!

May 31, 10:22 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): It could be helpful (as in less to choose from) or frustrating (as in, not having supplies that work for your project)

May 31, 10:23 PM

WendyKiely: As every year I buy a new Album to store layouts in there will never be one bin or the one in / one out rule

May 31, 10:23 PM

CarrieAnderson: right melanie....haahahaha....oops

May 31, 10:23 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): MY KNITTING STUFF FITS IN A BIN

May 31, 10:23 PM

Guest5386 (Guest): hehe Carrie

May 31, 10:23 PM

CarolWhite: I did like the inner circle, outer circle, deep storage concept

May 31, 10:23 PM

HeidiCocca: As I said earlier, my craft space is in my work from home office... so Everyday Maintenance is a definite for me -- the space has to be clear by the next morning. In my new home, my craft space will be to the back of the family room, so a main space, which I think will help me keep it cleaned up too

May 31, 10:23 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): I am trying to find a way to set a number of projects to get done before I purchase more. But one bin would not work for me.

May 31, 10:23 PM

WendyKiely: Just depends on the size of the bin

May 31, 10:23 PM

JudiPartlo: But I guess it would make me super picky if I had to do it and really consider what is essential

May 31, 10:23 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): I used to scrap that way. I had two bags I would take to crops and it had everything in it. That was 15 years ago though!

May 31, 10:23 PM

LauraKaplan: Yes, I was thinking that was fine for crochet, as I do have that in one bin, but there is NO WAY I could be happy with the same sized bin of srappy stuff.

May 31, 10:24 PM

JudiPartlo: Carol, I liked that concept too - never thought of it that way. Might help me prioritize!

May 31, 10:24 PM

Cindy March: I could manage bringing one bin to an all day crop.

May 31, 10:24 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I think it also comes back to how you obtain your supplies - I usually do larger orders online a few times a year vs. smaller purchases more frequently

May 31, 10:24 PM

HeidiCocca: I went to a crop in Texas (had to fly), so I had to pack everything in a carryon suitcase -- I got soooo much done that weekend.

May 31, 10:24 PM

CarolWhite: I have 3 drawers of my desk filled with punches and a border punch system. I don't use them very often and they are in my inner circle. I'm thinking they need to move to make room for something else. Although they fit in those drawers rather nicely.

May 31, 10:25 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): carol, what is the inner circle, outer circle , deep storage??

May 31, 10:25 PM

Candace: I am limiting my supplies to the containers they are stored in. No more paper, if it doesn't fit in the design paper bin. No more enamel dots, if they won't fit in the little bin, etc.

May 31, 10:25 PM

AleceNewell: i think that saves impulse buying Kim

May 31, 10:25 PM

Amy Hanschen (Guest): People used to look at me funny or say something catty when I showed up with one bag at weekend crops. But this year I've noticed that lots of ladies have done some serious pairing down.

May 31, 10:25 PM

CarrieAnderson: heidi....if i prep really well i can do that....and yes....i do get more done!!!

May 31, 10:25 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUOTE // p. 285 - "When we become minimalists, we strip away all the excess to uncover our true selves. We take the time to contemplate who we are, what we find important, and what makes us truly happy. We emerge from our cocoons of consumerism, and stretch our wings as poets, philosophers, artists, activists, mothers, fathers, spouses, friends."

May 31, 10:25 PM

Melanie Ritchie: My hobbies crossover. So my craft area is a mish mosh of scrapbooking, painting, drawing, sewing and crafting supplies.

May 31, 10:25 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q8. Do you think minimalism could improve your life? What is the smallest next step you can take towards it?

May 31, 10:26 PM

Amy Hanschen (Guest): Same for me, Melanie.

May 31, 10:26 PM

AleceNewell: I do believe too much stuff can be overwhelming in life

May 31, 10:26 PM

LauraKaplan: Stop buying

May 31, 10:26 PM

CarolWhite: Inner Circle-close by where you need an item frequently. Outer Circle~Things you don't use as much as the Inner Circle items. DeepStorage~maybe things you use seasonally or annually.

May 31, 10:27 PM

helenh: Take a few books to the library book sale.

May 31, 10:27 PM

ShannonMinner: I think I couldn't get 100% minimalist but can definitely make steps towards it.

May 31, 10:27 PM

CarolineHackney: I think for me having purpose for my possessions is important. Otherwise my stuff owns me...

May 31, 10:27 PM

HeidiCocca: I liked the author's take on how much time our objects take... and when it comes to scrapbooking I relate this to how much time it takes to pick out the supplies for a layout. Being more paired down, I think this would help me create faster, and save me more time to do other things that I enjoy.

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I think I'm about a minimalist as I am likely to be...there are a few things I could purge, but overall I'm in maintenance mode

May 31, 10:27 PM

ShannonMinner: My next step is to start decluttering while I am off work for the summer.

May 31, 10:27 PM

AleceNewell: I agree Heidi

May 31, 10:27 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): I think it could help just with the absence of clutter. It helps me think and be more creative without all the distraction.

May 31, 10:27 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: I actually didn't buy the book because I'm trying to buy fewer books...a major step for me...

May 31, 10:27 PM

EdithBanks: Too much stuff overwhelms me.

May 31, 10:28 PM

HeidiCocca: Fawn, I felt very odd buying a book about not buying things...

May 31, 10:28 PM

CarolWhite: Refresh has helped me get my supplies purged and in a better order already.

May 31, 10:28 PM

ShannonMinner: Good for you Fawn. I definitely look at the library for books first or for used books on Amazon.

May 31, 10:28 PM

Melanie Ritchie: Minimalising as a process is always beneficial. I think of it being mindful of what your needs are and knowing when to get rid of what no longer works.

May 31, 10:28 PM

Guest8083 (Guest): I check out all my books from the library.

May 31, 10:28 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): A FAIR POINT!

May 31, 10:28 PM

WendyKiely: I will never be a total minimalist like the book but definitely bring less stuff into the house would be great. First step was talking hubby into buy less

May 31, 10:28 PM

JudiPartlo: My next step could be figuring out a way to either sell or RAK some of my no longer wanted supplies

May 31, 10:29 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Melanie - so true - maybe that is what she meant about your 'true self' being revealed

May 31, 10:29 PM

ShannonMinner: My second step would be starting with myself so I can control my spending. I haven't bought a large amount of scrapbooking supplies in awhile.

May 31, 10:29 PM

PamelaMontagno: Me too Shanin

May 31, 10:29 PM

ShannonMinner: I have an upcoming crop that I am vendoring at and they have a yard sale area. The goal is to drop my stuff off in that area and than not go back to shop.

May 31, 10:29 PM

Amy Hanschen (Guest): I prefer to live in mindfulness, not minimalist. But that would be me.

May 31, 10:29 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): Keeping what I have organized also helps me to know what I have and not buy duplicates. Thinking twice about if I really need it, NOT if it is on sale or not !

May 31, 10:29 PM

CarolWhite: I like that, Amy! Great way to put it.

May 31, 10:30 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): GREAT THOUGHT AMY

May 31, 10:30 PM

WendyKiely: Exactly Amy

May 31, 10:30 PM

Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Yes, Amy !

May 31, 10:30 PM

HeidiCocca: Judi, there are several Facebook groups for selling scrapbook supplies

May 31, 10:30 PM

ShannonMinner: Yup, great comment Amy.

May 31, 10:30 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): ALRIGHT, TWO MORE QUICK QUESTIONS TO CONCLUDE...

May 31, 10:30 PM

Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q9. Have you read other books on decluttering or organization? If so, how were the ideas presented in The Joy of Less similar or different?

May 31, 10:30 PM

AleceNewell: Oh yes I should never check sale aisle or dollar bins

May 31, 10:30 PM

CarolWhite: I have read about a million or so!

May 31, 10:30 PM

JudiPartlo: Really, Heidi? Can you tell me the names or should I just do a search on FB?

May 31, 10:30 PM

CarolWhite: It's a hobby.

May 31, 10:31 PM

CarolWhite: This is the first book I've read on minimalism.

May 31, 10:31 PM

CarrieAnderson: judi....dont go to the sale sitesyou will just BUY other peoples stuff...its a trap

May 31, 10:31 PM

EdithBanks: Me too Carol!

May 31, 10:31 PM

Fawn DeMurl Pender: Me, too, Carol. Starting out with the "Messies" series.

May 31, 10:31 PM

Guest6916 (Guest): Most of what I have read shows how to organize AFTER you declutter and how pretty it can be

May 31, 10:31 PM

CarrieAnderson: i mean....for me ...it was....haahaha

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CarolWhite: Oh, yes!

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LauraKaplan: I haven't read any other books (at least recently) but I am taking part in the Declutter 365 challenge. She sends a daily email with one very specific area to declutter, designed to be done in 15 minutes a day. It is totally helping!

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helenh: Funny, Carol!

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JudiPartlo:

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Melanie Ritchie: I agree Amy. I have stuff that I want around me. Definitely not minimalist. But I'm trying to be mindful to get rid of what I don't want or need around me. Kind of minimizing what is unnecessary.

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CarrieAnderson: laura....that sounds fab....i need that!!!

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HeidiCocca: Judi, The one I can think of off the top of my head is call "The Scrap Yard 1.0", but there are others too

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AleceNewell: I think balance is the key

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CarolineHackney: Laura that challenge sounds great!

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JudiPartlo: That does sound cool, Laura!

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CindyDavenport: The Marie Kondo book we read last year really helped me reduce what I was bringing into the house and helped me let go of stuff that didn't bring "joy"

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JudiPartlo: Thanks, Heidi!

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LauraKaplan: <http://www.home-storage-solutions-101.com/declutter.html> free to be on the email list

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EdithBanks: I read some blogs - the art of Simple is my favorite

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HeidiCocca: I read The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up and whereas that is pretty extreme too, I have used some of her methods in my home, closet and scrapbook space

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CarolWhite: FlyLady helped me so much with decluttering. You can't clean clutter! as Flylady says!

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Hey Laura, I'm doing the same challenge!

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HeidiCocca: I think the key is to take some info from here and some from there -- no one has the complete answer that will work for you

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I read the Tidying Up one, too...mostly it made me giggle.

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Guest6916 (Guest): Yes Carol, fly lady is my hero!

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LauraKaplan: That's great, Amy! I absolutely adore my kitchen now!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I also read the Magic of Tidying Up and took a few tidbits here and there, but definitely not implemented 100%

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JudiPartlo: Carol, I learned a ton from FlyLady - haven't followed her for years but still practice many of her principles!

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CarolWhite: Thanks for the link, Laura.

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CarolWhite: Swish and Swipe!

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Jennifer (Moderator): I FEEL LIKE THIS WAS SIMILAR, BUT LESS CUCKOO, THAN TIDYING UP

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PamelaMontagno: Love fly lady

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Guest6916 (Guest): Fly lady now has an app

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CarolWhite: AN APP?!

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HeidiCocca: It's been years since I've done the FlyLady stuff... but I still shine my sink every night

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AleceNewell: Yes jennifer

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Guest8083 (Guest): But do you fold socks like her?

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LauraKaplan: Gosh, I did flylady back in the day - maybe 15 or more years ago?

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Did Fly lady for years. She really helped me get my life uncluttered and organized, so now it's just maintenance with the challenge and Refresh.

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HeidiCocca: That sounds about right for me too, Laura

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JudiPartlo: Yes - is she still around?

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CarolWhite: I'll have to check that out. I haven't followed her in forever, but clearly I know some of her precepts still.

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CarrieAnderson: flylady....love her

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Melanie Ritchie: My socks are so sad but my shirts are konmari'd

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Guest8083 (Guest): Me too!

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Jennifer (Moderator): HEHE

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Guest6916 (Guest): I love checking off checklists lol

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Jennifer (Moderator): OK, FINAL QUESTION! WHY DOES THIS GO BY SO FAST?

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JudiPartlo: I love love the Kondo folding method - it has transformed my dresser and closet!!

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Jennifer (Moderator): QUESTION // Q10. What is your #1 takeaway message from The Joy of Less?

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CarrieAnderson: my adhd does not allow me to stick to a routine very long....hence my failure to adopt flylady principles

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Candace: Melanie, mine are the opposite!

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CarolWhite: I have sushi rolls in my sock drawer.

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Because it is Fun!

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JudiPartlo: Me too, Carol!

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Guest5386 (Guest): Simplify 101.com also good/

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EdithBanks: Most of my drawers are the Konmarie way- have more space

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: Carrie, does it make you a great starter and lousy finisher, as it does me?

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LauraKaplan: Purchase more mindfully, and let go of things that aren't used or loved.

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CarrieAnderson: yes.....fawn....yes!!!!

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CarolWhite: I don't have to pilfer through a drawer to find something. I really like her methodology.

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JudiPartlo: #1 takeaway: keep trying and find what works for me. Doing a little on a consistent basis

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Amy Hanschen (Guest): Gotta run ladies! Thanks for the conversation! Bye!

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Guest8083 (Guest): Biggest was clear sure

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Guest6916 (Guest): Try to look at my "stuff" with a new perspective of why I have it and is it serving a useful purpose in my life. Baby steps

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CindyDavenport: Less stuff means less decisions to be made and thus less mental drain/decision fatigue

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AleceNewell: I think my biggest takeaway is not to feel guilty for getting rid of things I don't need or want

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HeidiCocca: As of next week, my stuff is getting packed and going in storage until the end of the month when we move into our new house -- so I won't be purging between now and then... BUT... once I get there I'm really going to take a serious look at everything before I put it into it's new home. This will be in my scrapbook room, but also in the whole house. So the timing of this book was really great -- thank you

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): I think the book gave me 'permission' to declutter some home décor stuff that I just kept and put out because we've had it for years, not because I really loved it

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JudiPartlo: That's exciting, Heidi!! Hope it goes well for you!

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LauraKaplan: Every year when we put up the Christmas decorations, I get rid of a few more things that I just don't love anymore. Horrified my MIL, but it's working for me!

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Candace: Sounds like a good plan Heidi!

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CarolWhite: The module system and the storage system were what I took away.

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CarolWhite: Heidi~so happy for you!

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Guest5386 (Guest): agree Kim, decided i didn't want to move stuff around as much as I have in the past

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Jennifer (Moderator): I FEEL LIKE THE AUTHOR WAS FAIRLY ENCOURAGING AND LESS DEMANDING THAN MARIE KONDO.. PURCHASES HAVE NEVER BEEN A BIG PROBLEM FOR ME.. IT'S THE STUFF I DON'T BUY THAT ENDS UP IN OUR HOME THAT I NEED TO BE MORE RUTHLESS WITH

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Laura - we have two totes of fake garland that is on the 'chopping block' every year, but my husband convinces me to let it stay

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Guest8083 (Guest): Prepared myself for the annual dump of stuff from my kids school once they were done for the year.

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Cindy March: Good luck Heidi.

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Guest6916 (Guest): Yes, like inherited things ~

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LauraKaplan: My hubby likes to get stuff out of our house, but we spend way too much time holding on to stuff that "someone" might want some day. We just never find the "someone"!

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: YES! And when you loved the owner, and know how much she loved her things...

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Guest6916 ...or gifts....

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Guest6916 (Guest): YES! The guilt we can take on...

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CarrieAnderson: i feel encouraged to let go of the memorabilia.....so thats my next step.....and i am also going to attack my kitchen and pare down the multiples....there are two of us living here....we dont need 35 glasses

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LauraKaplan: I liked the author's point that the inherited stuff should go to someone who will love it just as the dearly departed did, that's what he/she would want, right?

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LauraKaplan: LOL Carrie - no, just two glasses, right?

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CarrieAnderson: well....a few spares probably....but yeah its that ridiculous.....ol

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: And if you can't identify that someone yourself, donate or sell the inherited stuff.

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Guest6916 (Guest): That's right...I'm sure there are people that may NEED the stuff..

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Carrie - I found that as well....we have sets of wine glasses for when we have parties...guess how often we host parties for a dozen+ people drinking wine?

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Guest8083 (Guest): I liked what she said about not letting some stuff even enter the door because it will make a home and be harder to get rid of.

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CarrieAnderson: haahahaahaaaa Kim....yep

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CarolWhite: I try to think of it as blessing someone else instead of it wasting away in our storage area/basement or even in the closet if I'm not wearing it.

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CarrieAnderson: guest 8083....oh thats a good one

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LauraKaplan: Yes, Kim! We could have huge parties with everyone drinking out of glassware! That never happens.

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EdithBanks: Yes Guest 8083!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Sounds like we should just throw some parties to validate our excessive glassware collections

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Guest6916 (Guest): Good thought Carol. I have a lot of things I could bless someone with and it would end up blessing me by allowing me to have more space!

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Guest8083 (Guest):

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CarrieAnderson: and when i drink wine....rarely....i dont even bother with the wine glass haahaaaa

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LauraKaplan: Great! When should we be there, Kim?

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Jennifer (Moderator): WELL THIS WAS SUCH A FUN CHAT. THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. NEXT MONTH WE ARE READING SMALL WONDERS, A BOOK OF ESSAYS FROM BARBARA

KINGSOLVER: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000QUCOAI/ref=as_li_ss_tl?_encoding=UTF8&colid=1DLESZSPNWWV1C&coliid=I1PENV5DZHQMZ0&linkCode=I11&tag=simplscrap06-20&linkId=a2b42bdc6a6644dc1503a557a9e5479f

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CarolWhite: Yes!

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Guest 8083 - I agree! She did make an interesting point about how things tend to 'settle in'

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: This was fun, ladies...thank you all.

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Guest6916 (Guest): Thank you Jennifer!

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CarolWhite: Great chat!

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HeidiCocca: Thanks Jennifer! Thanks Kim!

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CarolineHackney: Fun chat everyone! Goodnight

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CarolWhite: What is this next book about?

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CarolWhite: Essays on what?

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CarrieAnderson: fawn! it was great "meeting" you....sounds like we have alot in common

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PamelaMontagno: Thanks Jennifer

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Fawn DeMurl Pender: I agree, Carrie.

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JudiPartlo: Thanks, everyone!

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LauraKaplan: Thanks everyone! This was fun!

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Cindy March: Thanks Ladies. Have a nice night.

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ShannonMinner: Thanks Jennifer for bringing this book to our attention. For once I am excited to declutter!

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CarrieAnderson: see ya on facebook

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Teaching Assistant - Kim Edsen (Moderator): Night, all!

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EdithBanks: Good night everyone

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Jennifer (Moderator): FOR THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS, YOUR NEW MATERIALS ARE GOING UP TONIGHT.... AND IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER, WHY NOT? <http://go.simplescrapper.com/join>



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ShannonMinner: Good night, another loss for the Preds but I am still holding out hope!

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CarolWhite: Is it over/

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CarolWhite: ?

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CarolWhite: Thank you, Jennifer!

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CarolWhite: Good night to all. I'm kind of rooting for the Predators since they have not won a Cup yet. Good luck!

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Guest5386 (Guest): thanks Jennifer...night all...it was icing for my birthday

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Jennifer (Moderator): HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Jennifer (Moderator): GOOD NIGHT FRIENDS!