

holiday success tip sheet

When was the last time you had a really relaxing holiday? You know - the kind where you got to sit by the fire with a cup of tea and your stitching project while watching "It's A Wonderful Life". Well, all it really takes is a little bit of organization and advance planning, so grab your calendar and let's carve out some TLC time for wonderful Y-O-U!

1.

HOUSEKEEPING

Give yourself the gift of a cleaning service during the holidays instead of buying *more* stuff you really don't need. Or hire a teenager - they get some extra cash and you get extra time to stitch.

2.

COOKING

Treat your family to a meal at your favorite restaurant so you don't have to cook. (If money is a little tight, clip extra coupons to save on groceries or shop on double coupon day.)

3.

GROCERY SHOPPING

Did you know you can get your groceries delivered? All you have to do is Google "grocery delivery" and you'll get lots of low cost (and some FREE!) local options. How cool is that?!

4.

TRADE CHORES

Love to bake, but hate to wrap gifts? Have a friend who likes to make all her packages extra pretty, but is an awful cook? Barter with her to trade chores - you bake the cookies and she wraps your gifts. You may not save oodles of time, but you'll both get to do something you enjoy and that's always a good thing!

5.

TAKE SHORTCUTS

Buy the dessert you agreed to bring to the party - you can dress it up with extra holiday sprinkles or a squiggle of chocolate sauce on the plate. Your secret is safe with me and nobody will be the wiser.

6.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Block out 30 minutes every day just for Y-O-U and put it on your calendar. If somebody asks, you already have an "appointment" scheduled. ;)