

workshop itinerary

The FUNdamentals of Getting Organized: How to Declutter and Organize Your Home

Lesson 1: Getting Started on Your Organizing Journey*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

This lesson lays the foundation for the workshop by introducing you to the idea that organizing is a journey. You'll find out the steps you'll take to prepare for your organizing journey, as well as the steps you'll take to travel to destination organization in your own home. You'll wrap up the lesson by taking a clutter detective tour in your home, collecting visual inspiration for your projects and packing for the journey ahead by putting together an organizing toolkit.

**Lesson 2: Clearing the Path to Destination Organization***Thursday, March 28, 2013*

If you're currently feeling overwhelmed by the clutter in your home or you've made past attempts to get organized but ran into roadblocks that stopped you in your tracks, this lesson is all about clearing your path to destination organization. You'll learn—and put into action—a great grab-and-dash decluttering process. This process is designed to create quick results, so you move from feeling overwhelmed and stuck to motivated and inspired. As you declutter and complete an insightful questionnaire, you'll become aware of your personal organizing roadblocks, those obstacles that have slowed or even prevented your organizing progress in the past. Using the ideas and strategies presented in the lesson, you'll use a fun worksheet to put together your personalized detour plan.

Lesson 3: Select Your Destination + Map out Your Journey*Thursday, April 4, 2013*

In Lesson 3, you continue your decluttering and prepare for your organizing journey by selecting your personal organizing destination. You'll explore what being organized means to you, how it looks and feels, and most of all, how you'll spend your time when you arrive at destination organization. You learn about the elements of an organized home and the role zones play in making a home easy to use and enjoy. Then, you'll map out your path to destination organization. This simple, flexible plan will alleviate your concerns about the best place to start and will show you how to move forward and make progress even if you're short on time.

Lesson 4: Let's Hit the Road — Taking Your First Day Trip to Destination Organization*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

It's time to hit the road for your first organizing day trip! In this lesson you'll select your first small organizing project, and using the organizing process outlined in the lesson, you'll navigate your way through your project from start to finish. By completing a small, discrete project such as a small cabinet, junk drawer, nightstand, bookcase or small closet, you'll discover how simple (and fun) it is to organize a space, which will fuel your motivation to keep traveling toward destination organization.

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Lesson 5: On the Road Again — How to Navigate Larger Organizing Projects

Thursday, April 18, 2013

With the experience and confidence of a small project under your (seat) belt, in Lesson 5 you'll be ready to take a longer organizing road trip and navigate your way through a larger organizing project. This larger project will be your final assignment for the workshop, which means you'll have four weeks during the teacher participation period to start and finish your project, with support, ideas and motivation. If you work on smaller organizing projects, you can check even more projects off your organizing to-do list.

Lesson 6: Staying Motivated on Your Organizing Journey

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Our final lesson is intentionally light, so you can continue making progress on your organizing project or projects. This lesson gives you simple, doable techniques to maintain motivation on your organizing journey. If you've burned out or lost your way in the past, these ideas are designed to keep you on track. Plus, you'll get motivational ideas to help you if you lose your momentum along the way.

Post Workshop Weeks

Thursday, May 2 through May 16, 2013

Our final two weeks together are lesson-free weeks, giving you two extra weeks to finish your organizing projects with your instructor available to answer questions and offer support.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Workshop End Date: **May 16, 2013** (This is the final day of instructor participation in this workshop.)

Community Access Dates: You will continue to have access to the online lesson materials, gallery, and online forum through **March 21, 2014**—one full year of access!