

November

Holiday Planning: The Karen Crouse Way First Half of November

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Festive

- ☐ If traveling, book flights, lodging, and car rentals early.
- ☐ Update your holiday card list.
- ☐ Order paper or digital holiday cards — or New Year cards if timing slips.

Tip: Try [Greenvelope](#) for a simple, elegant send.

- ☐ Make your gift list so no one is forgotten.
- ☐ Take inventory of holiday décor and replace anything broken or missing. Donate what you no longer use.
- ☐ Order wrapping paper, ribbon, tags, and gift bags.

Tip: [Nashville Wraps](#) has beautiful basics that blend well with specialty papers.

- ☐ Schedule outdoor light installation or block time to hang décor yourself.

Unforgettable

- ☐ Research top gift ideas for friends and family.

Tip: For inspiration, see my [curated list](#).

- ☐ Order specialty food items with long lead times.
- ☐ Reserve dish or glassware rentals if needed.
- ☐ Order thank-you cards to have on hand.
- ☐ If making homemade gifts, gather supplies now.
- ☐ Order or design custom décor or personalized gifts early.
- ☐ Stock up on baking ingredients and set a date for your baking day.
- ☐ Clear phone storage or set up a shared album for holiday photos.
- ☐ Schedule a photo shoot for holiday cards.
- ☐ Coordinate with family or friends to share costs or gift responsibilities.
- ☐ Have linens washed and pressed.
- ☐ Schedule a self-care appointment to stay centered before the rush.

