

November

Holiday Planning: *The Karen Crouse Way*
Second Half of November

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Festive

- ☐ Plan where the tree will go and make sure the space is ready.
- ☐ Decorate your home—room, apartment, or yard—and invite friends to join for extra fun.
- ☐ Buy gift cards early, especially if you plan to personalize them.
- ☐ Purchase stamps and shipping supplies.
- ☐ Ship packages that need to travel the farthest first.
- ☐ Start cooking prep—stocks, sauces, frozen herbs in oil, or items that can be made ahead and frozen.
- ☐ Decide who's hosting each gathering and confirm the style—formal, casual, or potluck.
- ☐ Pause for a quick self-check: Am I enjoying this? If not, adjust your to-do list and simplify.

Unforgettable

- ☐ Start making non-perishable homemade gifts that will last through the season.
- ☐ Find a discreet place to stash wrapped gifts so they stay fresh and hidden until needed.
Tip: *The trunk of an extra car or a cool, dry closet works well.*
- ☐ Download or queue your favorite holiday movies for evenings, travel days, or background ambiance.
Tip: *See my KCNV holiday movie list for ideas.*
- ☐ Plan one self-care activity this week—something restorative before December begins.
Tip: *Try my favorite bath salts recipe for a quiet reset.*

