

Happy January!

The official start of the New Year came rather late for me. My children are finally back in school and I am mostly recovered from my very first bout of pneumonia. No fun spending New Year's Day at urgent care.

Christmas decorations are slowly, ever so slowly coming down.



Getting ready to pack it all away!



Last room to go!

This is the first time I haven't been able to start the year with a burst of energy and a list of resolutions. The doc says I need to take it easy for a month. A month!?!? The positive side of being laid up is that I can speak intelligently to what is on television.

Netflix just released a new show, [Tidying Up with Marie Kondo](#), a Japanese organizing consultant and author. According to Kondo, you should only keep things that "spark joy". I've only watched 2 shows, but I find myself asking, "Does this item spark joy?" It's hard to watch some of the households in the show as it is a lesser version of hoarders, but her

organizational methods are atypical and interesting



I am always curious about what people watch on television. I am trying to cut back my overall screen time (computer, television, phone, etc.) this year so I only want to watch shows that are worth it. Currently, my favorites are [Outlander](#) (the books by Diana Gabaldon were excellent) on Starz, and the PBS series, [The Great British Baking Show](#).



There are 3 seasons of [Broadchurch](#) on Netflix and in spite of its great success, this show will not continue.



[Hinterland](#) is similar to Broadchurch except it is located in Wales, so we do put on the English subtitles to completely understand the dialogue. Please share any shows that you absolutely love!



It was nice to take a blogging/social media break over the holidays. I have some ideas for the blog for 2019. There are still corners of the house that haven't been seen~~the pool house, barn, my office, our sitting room and basement. Each of those rooms need some work in organizing or design. But hopefully I can provide some good before and after shots once I determine the overall strategy.

Happy Friday to you!

Mary