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## FALL CLEANING

Lately, I've been doing a lot of purging around the house—purging of clothes, purging of papers, purging of expired foodstuff. I have finally come to terms with the following facts: I am never going to wear that Pepto Bismol-pink terry-cloth bikini again. I won't regret tossing the handwritten notes for an article about snowboarding babes I wrote seven years ago. And I'm pretty sure that dusty can of Beane Weenees will not be missed—



especially since I'm a vegetarian. Still, I've avoided facing one *huge* project that's been looming over me for a long time now: organizing my jewelry.

I've got a large Tupperware container full of jewelry in my office. I've got a jewelry box and a cute twig-shaped metal jewelry stand on my bedroom dresser, yet the jewelry they are intended for is lying in a pile on top of the dresser, waiting to be put away. Plus, I've got miscellaneous boxes and bins of jewelry in my closet, under my bed, and in the bathroom. I'm guessing many of you can relate. Well, Liz Canavan, professional organizer, to the rescue! In this issue's

feature, Organize Your Jewelry: Storage Solutions for Your Baubles and Jewels (page 18), she explains how she approaches jewelry organization—phew!—and even shows us how to make a homemade jewelry board. (See my version below.)

I really suggest you read Canavan's article, because after perusing this issue, I'm positive you're going to make more jewelry that needs a storin'! We've got 88 great ideas packed in this issue—32 necklaces, 21 bracelets, and 35 earrings. And they're abundant in those deep, rich hues that make autumn so memorable, such as indigo blue, caramel brown, persimmon, and gold. In fact, one of our special sections is dedicated to foliage and features five fabulous designs inspired by fall leaves. Our other special section prepares you for the indoors: four sparkle-tastic necklace ideas for your upcoming holiday parties.

I'll leave you on this celebratory note—may your autumn be blessed with good times, good friends, and good jewelry.

Cheers,

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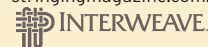
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