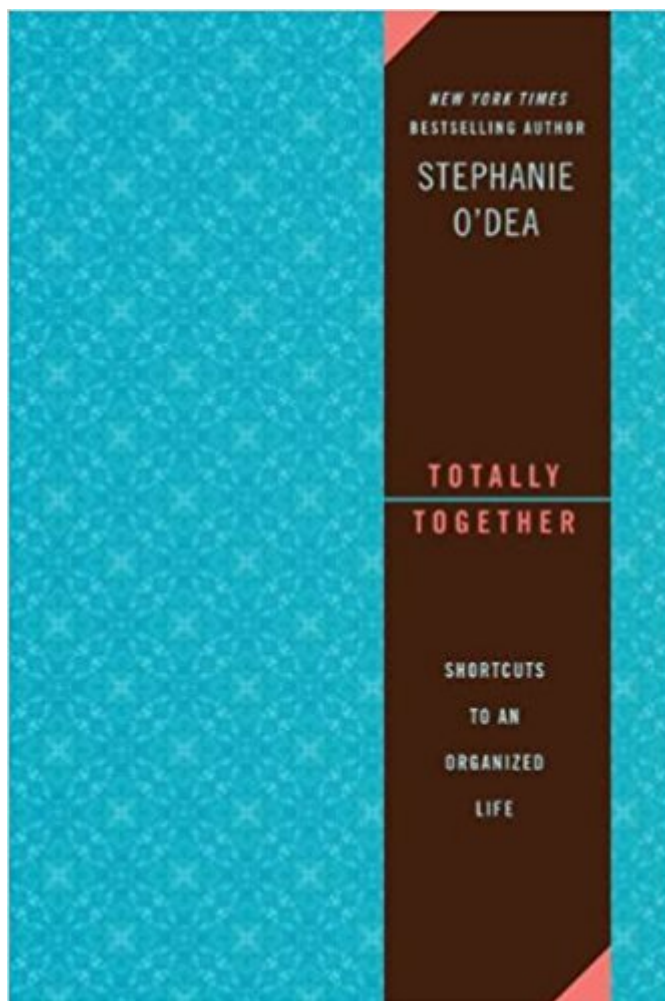


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# Totally Together: Shortcuts To An Organized Life



## Synopsis

From a New York Times bestselling author, a planner and organizing system to help women conquer chaos. This book combines a practical planner with a smart system for women who are feeling frenzied (that is, most of them!). With sets of daily, weekly, monthly, and season to-dos, Totally Together lets women manage their priorities and prevent molehills from turning into mountains. From keeping the household in order to keeping the in-box clear, this valuable, attractive volume helps women maintain their balance in today's crazed world.

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## Customer Reviews

New York Times-best selling author, Stephanie O'Dea, is back with a must-have planning guide for busy moms. This daily all-inclusive planner will whip your household into shape with easy daily chores that anyone in the family can do. O'Dea's "Daily 7" chores are listed on the side with check-boxes, and each week has specialized tasks that are essential for keeping your household running like a well-oiled machine. Gentle reminders for moms to remember to take care of themselves, including monthly prompts to conduct a self-breast exam make this planner different from all the rest --- this is truly a system to get organized, inside and out to create a new, improved, and Totally Together you! This daily planning guide is set to follow the school-year calendar, but because it is spiral-bound and hand-dated, readers can begin at any time of the calendar year. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Stephanie O’Dea is a New York Times bestselling author, an award-winning blogger, a slow-cooking expert, and a mom of three. O’Dea’s award-winning blog has resulted in multiple cookbooks including Five Ingredients or Less Slow Cooker Cookbook, 365 Slow Cooker Suppers, and More Make It Fast, Cook It Slow: 200 Brand-New, Budget-Friendly, Slow-Cooker Recipes. She has appeared on Good Morning America and The Rachael Ray Show and she has been featured in Real Simple Magazine, Woman’s World, and Oprah.com. She is featured in the infomercial for the Ninja Cooking System.

Even though she doesn’t admit it, this is basically FlyLady repackaged in a trackable manner. I agree with the reviewer who said she could never keep up with FlyLady -- I had begged her to put her tasks on a planner, but she never did, so Ms. O’Dea has solved my problem nicely. (Now I can unsubscribe from all those annoying emails!) I can leave this on the counter and my husband can see the meal plan when it is his night to cook -- together with The Stocked Kitchen, our household organization is complete!

This planner was exactly what I was looking for. I needed something that was compact enough to carry with me wherever I go and also had enough room to list important appointments, errands, and my daily to-do lists. I also like how the author has helpful reminders throughout the year to keep a busy mom on track when it comes to taking care of her work responsibilities, her family, and her home while also reminding you to take care of yourself. You’ll find reminders to make a hair appointment and to perform your monthly breast exam, as well as reminders to make dentist appointments for the whole family. The beginning section of the planner explains how to use the planner and also how to get organized in all aspects of your life. This section is short, but to the point and gives specific guidelines on how to organize your work, schedule, family, and home so that you have more time to actually live your life and less time spent maintaining your stuff. This planner is definitely geared towards women and families, which is what I wanted. She helps establish a cleaning routine that is realistic and manageable no matter if you work outside the home, work from the home, are a stay at home mom or a combination of these. If you have young children like I do (1 & 3) you will find this especially helpful in showing you how to get everything done that needs to get done without feeling overwhelmed or spread too thin. You fill in the dates so this planner can be used any year you choose. It does start with the month of September I’m assuming to coincide with the back to school season, but you can start in any month you choose. If you start

in a month other than September this will not cover an entire year, so keep that in mind. The only thing I didn't like about this planner was the front cover. The cover is cheap, flimsy cardboard that bends and warps easily. This cover will not last long and will tear off eventually. Other than the cover this planner was perfect for me.

I am completely overwhelmed right now and this is exactly what I need! I love the Daily 7 & the weekly tasks there for me to check off - the best is the section of things to do for the week, which rotates/cycles throughout the year! It is very similar to the Fly Lady system, which I like as well, but this is in one little book with blank weekly planner pages! I'd give it 5 stars if the cover just wasn't so flimsy! I love that it is spiral, lies flat & is very portable, but it has got to have a stronger cover. I improvised and found some awesome sheets of Duck Tape in a fun color and hopefully that will help it last! I'd also love to have monthly calendar pages. I highly recommend this organizer!

Small, easy and fun to read book, with a very practical planner. I love Stephanie's humor and her reminders on organization, simple daily maintenance tasks and taking care of myself - the mom. This is a great planner and reference to take the stress out of daily life. I especially like the part about holidays, and planning for Christmas a little here and a little there, so we can actually enjoy the season! I've tried many planners before, but this one has been the easiest, most practical (in size and set-up), and the most entertaining one I've found. I highly recommend it!

I follow Stephanie's blog for slow cooking & when I saw she had written this book I pre-ordered it from . I am 17 weeks pregnant and still sick as a dog! My house, laundry, dishes, and life seem to be more than I can handle right now. With child number three on the way, I really felt like I needed someone to tell me when to do "forgettable" tasks like clean the microwave or organize my closet. Stephanie's approach to 7 daily tasks and one bigger task per week is exactly what I needed! Now I feel like I have a cleaner house and am more on top of things, even though I still don't feel that great. I would recommend this book to anyone who has difficulty keeping things in order, and since that is most of us, Stephanie has really put together a non-judgmental, encouraging, easy approach to cleaning and maintaining your life.

The book is only about 1/3 as long as it appears, the last 2/3 is a weekly planner with lots of helpful tips for keeping your life organized. It'd definitely worth buying for some of the ideas but there are quite a few that seem a little unrealistic or silly. I think it would be GREAT for big families but not

necessarily practical for just me, him, and daughter (ex: she suggests doing a load of laundry every single day... for 3 people there's not much laundry to do daily). Overall, for the price, a handy little idea book but won't change your life.

I just have to say I received my copy the 3rd of August and have been striving to apply the daily 7 and what a huge help just that has been so you can imagine how great the rest of this is! Thanks Stephanie and keep going with this.

I bought this thinking it was a book about organization, so I was surprised at how small it was. But now that I have read it and set up the planner I use it almost everyday. I am very forgetful and get overwhelmed easily with household chores, this has helped me set up a system and follow through on it. I do think however it is a bit pricey for a planner.

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