

A cracker of an idea



hope you have all managed to have a break of some sort over the holiday season and you're feeling refreshed for the New Year. I have a feeling it's going to be a good year.

I always end my year tidying up everything on and around my desk, tossing out anything that is cluttering my space. As I do this I often trip across ideas I have written down throughout that year. You know, those ones where you think, 'That's a good idea, I should do that'. I store these up like a squirrel does nuts, with great glee. I love new ideas and I really enjoy thinking about how I can apply them to my own workplace. But of course as we all multi-task across different roles and work, the day-to-day stuff distracts me and I mostly never ever get to work on those ideas and they stay in my squirrel hole waiting to be set free.

As I write this, these ideas are piled high as I have collected them throughout the year yet again. Should I come to my usual decision and decide they are great ideas but I am only human, I just don't have time. Should I bin them to get them out of my headspace?

This year I intend to make a list. I'm collating all the great ideas I've collected over the year. But I'm not going to put it on a piece of paper on my desk. Nup, I'm going to write them all down on a whiteboard and sit it next to my

desk. That way I will have to keep looking at it.

I suppose this will do one of two things. Either I'll be encouraged to take on those ideas one by one, crossing them off during the year as I can manage them. Or, I will become very stressed as I don't ever have time to start even one of them.

I suspect it might be a mixture of the two. But that's not really so bad. Even if I take three ideas from that list and put them into practice and just one of those ideas really makes a positive difference to how we work or impacts positively on others, well that's a real win.

I'm sure you have ideas you've squirrelled away too during the year for working some time in the future. Why not dust off three ideas and write them on a whiteboard or on a piece of paper and stick it to the wall near you. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we crack open at least one idea each this year that we've all been wanting to do? I'd really love to hear from you if you do. ✨



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