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The Ultimate Homeschool Planner (Orange Edition)



Synopsis

Count your blessings while charting your family's homeschool journey with this gorgeous day planner from best-selling author Debra Bell. The Ultimate Homeschool Planner will help you prayerfully prioritize your family's lessons, assignments, and activities as well as academic and personal growth goals for each of your children. Includes teaching helps, record-keeping, and pages to document God's faithfulness throughout the year. Now available in two different cover styles to coordinate with the colors of your life.

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Customer Reviews

Debra Bell is the best-selling author of *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling* and *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Teens*. A former public-school teacher who homeschooled her four children from elementary school through high school, Debra has taught literature and composition for more than twenty years. She teaches Advanced Placement English online and directs Debra Bell's Home School Resource Center. A popular convention speaker known for her wit, warmth, and candor, Debra recently earned her PhD in educational psychology. She blogs regularly about homeschooling at debrabell.com.

This is a great homeschool planner. I was using a regular daily planner before purchasing this planner. I am able to plan in advance and keep track of all their progress in one place. I love that it has a place to keep track of grades and reading lists. I will be purchasing another one in the future.

I really am happy with this purchase. I wasn't sure what it had inside and I'm picky. So to help others out I took pictures of what was inside. You do have to date it yourself but I am happy with that since my homeschool days don't match up to July like other books.

Picking a homeschooling planner for me is like picking a car. I spend SO MUCH time researching and looking. I am an organizer by nature and know that the more organized I am - the more we get done. I homeschool 6 kids and organization is a MUST. With that said.... This planner has its strengths and weaknesses. The planner has a thicker vinyl type cover on it and is slightly larger. I find it to be sturdier and easier to access the inner pages than other planners I have had. She includes a users guide in the first few pages. Basically she explains how to come up with a planning system in prioritizing and implementing your courses. She has a yearly planning page, monthly planning page, and a weekly planning page. She shows you how to include breaks, Monday morning tutorials and Friday afternoon reviews. I did like how she showed different ways to fill in the blank pages in the weekly lesson pages. I am actually filling this planner out differently than I have other planners. Meaning that I plan by the week more than the individual day. I do like the blank pages (no dates or subjects). It's good for me b/c it gives me more flexibility. And I know it is good for the company b/c they don't have to keep printing planners for each new year. I would like to have more subject areas. I teach more than 6 subjects to my kids and there really is no way to fit all of them easily on these pages. So I am having to get creative. I think narrowing the columns or taking out the notes, supplies and appointment columns would be a good idea. Why couldn't that be on the previous page with the 2 day spread that I describe below? Before each week there is a 2 day spread of a Bible plan, Battle plan with your fighter verse, Prayers, Hospitality outreach, This week's memorable moments, Achievements, and Evidences of grace. With that said - you can see it is a Christian based planner - as quite a few are. I am Christian but kind of get tired of having planners with so much Christian themes in them. At the bottom of every other page are the words "Evidence of God's grace, God's mercy, God's faithfulness. God's protections and God's provision." Just a preference. I do like many of the random quotes from Yeats and Proust that she uses. At the end of the planner are a few pages to record your kids names and the scores for anything you want to track, 2.5 pages to record reading lists, 2.5 pages for field trips and outside activities, teaching tips, different learning styles, and year in review pages. All in all - this is probably the best planner I have had and I have had MANY - including those done completely on the computer. I think it is well laid out but would prefer more space to record more subjects and maybe not so much scripture reference. I do highly recommend this.

I love the availability to plan yearly, monthly and weekly as well as the fact that there are not preset dates (It is not a pre-printed numerical calendar). The lack of preset/pre-printed fields allows me to structure my weeks/lesson plans according to how I see fit as well as not to waste space. One of my favorite parts of this calendar is the Weekly 'Battle Plan', which is greatly needed for someone like myself who needs discipline, structure, goals and prayer to complete tasks for the week. If you like flexibility, yet need structure and love to 'fill in the blanks', this is the planner for you!

LOVE the Planner/HATE the Condition it came in. The planner gets 5 stars...the condition it was received in gets 1 star. This planner is a spiral notebook. I received it with most of the plastic spiral binding broken. Because of the urgent need to go ahead and start planning and prepping for school, I didn't have time to return it. I'll be spending the entire school year trying to keep the planner from coming apart. Not happy with the condition that the seller sent it to me in. As far as Debra Bell and the planner itself, I couldn't love it more, nor could I as efficiently homeschool and keep track of things as I do with this planner. Its excellent. A big plus is the memorable moments and God's grace sections where you can record these wonderful things to have for years to come as memories.

I like the new version of this planner. The one I had last year had a cardstock-type cover and very quickly showed wear. The version I purchased this year has a plastic cover and I can see will be much more durable. The book itself has a lot of tips and info for homeschoolers. I wish it had a few additional storage areas as well as maybe a zippered bag to keep items in. Otherwise, a great resource and organizational tool!

This is going to be my first year homeschooling without a video program, so I ordered this planner in the hopes of it helping me be organized. So far, I love the weekly inspiration it gives. It seems like it will work like a charm. From what I can tell, it seems to be a planner for up to 6 kids, but I could be wrong. It's easy to maneuver through, and practical... giving me hope of an organized year!

Thought this was a little pricey, but was the best I could find for homeschool planners. When I received it, I realized why the price was so high- SOOOOO much info and valuable space inside.

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