

December Survival Kit for Highly Sensitive Souls

A quiet guide to boundaries, rest, and deep peace



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Introduction

Welcome – A Gentle Beginning

December often asks too much of sensitive people.

The lights are brighter.

The noise is louder.

The expectations—spoken and unspoken—seem endless.

If you're highly sensitive, emotionally aware, or easily affected by the energy around you, this season can feel especially heavy. You may find yourself tired in a way that rest alone doesn't always fix. You may feel the quiet pull to withdraw, even while the world urges you to show up more.

This guide was created for you.

Not to push you toward productivity.

Not to “fix” your sensitivity.

But to offer a softer way through December—one rooted in permission, protection, and real rest.

Inside these pages, you'll find gentle prompts, calming reflections, and small choices that help you care for your nervous system without guilt. There is no right way to use this guide. You don't need to complete every page. You don't need to follow a schedule. You're invited to move slowly, skip freely, and return whenever you need a moment of quiet. Think of this as a pause you can carry with you.

A reminder that your sensitivity is not a weakness—it's a form of wisdom.

May these pages meet you exactly where you are and help you move through December with a little more ease, softness, and peace.

You're allowed to rest here.

CHAPTER 1

Soft Boundary Builder

written to feel non-threatening, spacious, and emotionally safe.

What I'm Protecting This December

My energy is drained by...

(people, places, habits, expectations, or environments that feel loud or heavy)

I feel restored when...

(quiet moments, warmth, familiar rituals, or simple joys that help me soften)

One gentle boundary I'm allowed to keep this December...

(this doesn't need to be explained or defended)

I don't need to be available to be worthy.

Rest is productive for sensitive nervous systems.

CHAPTER 2

Real Rest Menu



This page is intentionally non-demanding. It offers choice, not structure.



Choose what feels kind today



Rest doesn't need a schedule.



It doesn't need to be earned.

You're allowed to choose what fits the shape of your energy.



5-Minute Rest

(for moments when you feel stretched thin)

- Close your eyes and breathe slowly
- Place a hand over your heart or stomach
- Step outside for fresh air
- Sit in silence without fixing anything



I allowed myself a pause.

CHAPTER 3

Real Rest Menu



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15-Minute Rest

(for gentle refilling)

- Journaling without editing yourself
- Listening to calming music
- Stretching or slow movement
- Warm tea, no phone

I chose softness over urgency



60-Minute Rest

(for deeper restoration)

- Napping or lying down without guilt
- Reading something comforting
- Unplugging completely
- Being alone on purpose

I honored my need for real rest



Note to self: Rest can look different every day. I don't need to choose the "best" option—just the kindest one.

CHAPTER 4

Evening Wind-Down Ritual

Crafted to feel like a dimming lamp—not an instruction manual.

Lowering the Volume

Evenings are not for fixing the day.

They are for letting it soften.

Take a moment.

Nothing needs to be solved here.

Tonight, my body needs...

(rest, warmth, stillness, comfort, or something else entirely)

One thing I'm releasing from today...

(a thought, a worry, a moment that can rest now)

CHAPTER 5

Evening Wind-Down Ritual

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A soft thought to carry into sleep...

(something gentle, steady, or reassuring)

Phone off

Lights dim

Breath slow



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CHAPTER 6

Deep Peace Reflection

This page is meant to be returned to, not completed once.

When the world feels loud,

What helps me feel safe inside myself?

(There is no right answer.)

You can write a few words, a sentence, or nothing at all.)

Before You Go

Closing Page – A Soft Landing

As you move through the rest of December, remember this:

You don't need to keep up with the noise to belong.

You don't need to explain your need for quiet.

You don't need to do more to be enough.

Sensitivity is not something to manage away.

It's something to tend to—with care, honesty, and rest.

You may return to these pages whenever things feel loud.

You may reread a single line and let that be enough.

You may carry this permission with you, even when you close this guide.

December will pass, as all seasons do.

What matters most is how gently you move through it.

Take care of yourself—softly, without urgency.

You are allowed to rest.

You are allowed to choose peace.

You are allowed to move at your own pace.



If You'd Like to Go Deeper

Gentle Invitation Page – Continuing the Practice

If this guide resonated with you—
if you felt a small exhale while reading—
you're not alone.

This free guide is a beginning. A soft doorway.



For those who want more support through the month of December, I've created an expanded version of this guide:

December Softness: A Gentle Survival Guide for Highly Sensitive People

The full guide includes:

- Deeper boundary reflections for emotionally draining situations
- Expanded rest practices for different energy levels
- Evening wind-down rituals and nervous system calming pages
- Gentle journaling for emotional overwhelm, loneliness, and fatigue
- Space to integrate softness not just in December, but beyond

There is no pressure to continue.

You haven't missed anything by stopping here.

But if your body is asking for more quiet support, you're welcome to step inside.