

Less Clutter, More Calm

Streamline every room — from the bedroom to the kitchen — with these expert storage tips and space-saving solutions.

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USE A SINGLE COLOR.

Organization isn't all bins and baskets. Using one paint color for walls, shelves and trim can offer a sense of order — and style too. This attic space “feels like a tree house in the sky,” says designer Cate Dunning of GordonDunning.

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SIMPLE STORAGE SOLUTIONS
Scan here for our top bins, baskets and hooks and hangers.

Attic nook: Jeff Herr; designed by Cate Dunning & Lathem Gordon of GordonDunning. Bookshelves: Douglas Friedman; styling by Amy Chin; designed by Kate Lester Interiors. Cohen: Mary Claire Roman Photography.



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“It is amazing how quickly clutter can accumulate. Constantly reevaluate items in your home. Everything in it should be useful and add value to your life.”

MOUNT FLOATING BOOKSHELVES IN A STAIRWELL.

Create a unique “library” without furniture using sleek metal shelves. “Layering the shelves on a full wall creates dramatic visual impact and is a great way to showcase your favorite books,” says designer Kate Lester of Kate Lester Interiors.

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HIDE PANTRY ITEMS IN MATCHING BASKETS.

Eliminating unwanted items makes room for what you need. Anastasia Casey of The Identité Collective likes corralling essentials in baskets, even in the kitchen: “You need to be able to see what is inside the organizational pieces if you’re ever going to use them,” she says.

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Create an electronics drawer.

Cords, begone! In this professional organizer’s Tribeca kitchen, designed by Ellen Schott of Bakes & Kropp, devices stay concealed and charged.



Install pull-down shelves.

Upper shelves can be hard for the vertically challenged to access. A pull-down shelf, like this setup from Malka Helft, is a great fix. Just look out for shifting items when bringing it down.



Baskets: Madeline Harper, designed by Anastasia Casey of The Identité Collective. Electronics drawer: Nicole Larson; designed by Ellen Schott, senior designer at Bakes & Kropp. Pull-down shelf: Hulya Kolabas; designed by Malka Helft, Think Chic Interiors. Dishware: Dan Lopez Paniagua-Arris Photography; designed by Forge & Bow. Hord: Horderly.



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“‘One in, one out’ is a good guiding principle in terms of organization. When you get something new, let go of something in exchange. This will keep you from accumulating clutter and encourage you to consider what you already have, creating mindfulness when it comes to bringing something new into your home.”

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GROUP DISHWARE TO ALLOW BREATHING ROOM.

Ample storage is key in the kitchen. For a minimal look like this setup by design-and-build firm Forge & Bow Dwellings, group similar dishware in cabinets with glass fronts, allowing space between the items.





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MAKE A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING.

When it comes to organizing a closet, Anastasia Casey of The Identité Collective doesn't believe you need to limit the numbers of specific pieces of clothing or accessories you own "as long as they still have a purpose."

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"Take advantage of vertical space—from the door to the floor! Look for over-the-door and wall units that can be customized to your needs. Stackable storage is also key!"



HOW TO
STYLE A SHELF LIKE A PRO

Try these tips to master the art of arrangement like Ginger Curtis of Urbanology Designs.

- 1 ADD ARTWORK.**
The simple addition of framed art or family photos gives shelving character. Don't be afraid to sprinkle in vintage finds too.
- 2 INCORPORATE THE UNEXPECTED.**
Whether it's a pair of footballs or a shadow box full of quirky treasures, display what you like.
- 3 USE BASKETS FOR SMALL ITEMS.**
Small and unsightly belongings are best kept in bins. Consider sticking to the same basket style to achieve a cohesive feel.

Madeline Harper, designed by Anastasia Casey of The Identité Collective.

Shelf arrangement: Matti Gresham; designed by Urbanology Designs. Tension rods: Cameron Reynolds; designed by Marie Cloud of Indigo Pruitt Design Studio. Teplin: The Home Edit.

Two words: TENSION RODS!

To declutter her daughter's dresser top, designer Marie Cloud of Indigo Pruitt used tension rods and curtain rings to hang bows.

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BONUS SPACE



INSTALL HOOKS IN HIGH-TRAFFIC AREAS.

Closed storage wasn't the best approach for adding function to the most visited room in this New England Colonial-style home. Just a few hooks was all it took to create dedicated spots for coats, hats and dog leashes.

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"You don't have to spend hours organizing. Just take a few minutes daily and declutter a drawer, cabinet or backpack. What's important is that you start! You'll find ways to integrate it into your lifestyle. Living organized isn't a destination; it's a journey."

Dan Lopez Paniagua-Arris Photography; designed by Forge & Bow. Hines: Amanda Evans Photography.



Find storage in unexpected places.

A hot water heater closet has never looked so good! Ginger Curtis of Urbanology Designs got creative, carving out storage for spices, cloth napkins and more.



Squeeze a cabinet into a small space.

"The easiest way to organize is to hide," says Annie Obermann, principal designer at Forge & Bow. A freestanding IKEA tower keeps everyday bathroom essentials contained, and its mirrored front makes the room feel more spacious.

Dan Lopez Paniagua-Arris Photography; designed by Urbanology Designs. Bathroom and pegboard: Dan Lopez Paniagua-Arris Photography; designed by Forge & Bow. Closet: Matti Gresham; designed by Urbanology Designs.

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MAKE ROOM FOR TINKERING.

Thanks to RFW Builders, this custom bench acts as a work surface as well as a storage shelf for a young boy who loves building projects. "Having easy access to tools for building and tinkering on a pegboard is simple and affordable," says Courtney B. Smith, principal designer at Courtney B. Smith Design.

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