

Home Organization Hacks

The Ultimate Room-by-Room-Guide





Get Organized

One truth about your home is clear: clutter can silently sneak up on you. You may clean your home spotless, but before you know it, your space is chaotic and disorganized once again. Unfortunately, organizing isn't a one-and-done situation — you have to clean your home frequently to keep it neat and tidy. This can be particularly important around the holidays when family comes for a visit or stays for an extended period of time.

Whether you're planning for a change of the seasons, the holidays, or just want to get a jump start on your New Year's resolutions, now is the perfect time to consider your "plan of attack." *Follow our room-by-room guide* below to get your space organized, from the front door to the attic.





Organization Tips by Room

The Entry Way

The entry way, foyer, mudroom — whatever you claim as the main point of entry for your home — is one of the most difficult places to keep clean and organized for your family and visitors.

Follow these organization tips for this part of your home:

You should keep this space as minimalistic as possible. Less is always more here.

Think about your family's daily routines. If there's something like an umbrella stand that isn't used frequently, get rid of it or move it to a different space.

If you have anything out of season, it's time to put it away. That includes spring sweaters, backpacks when the school year has ended and Christmas decorations after the holidays. These items should all be moved to a closet or storage space so they're not cluttering the space.

Repeat these organization tips each season to make sure this front part of your home stays decluttered and up-to-date.



The Kitchen

For many of us, the kitchen is the most frequently used room in the home. It's where we cook evening meals, help the kids or grandchildren with homework and host get-togethers and holidays. The kitchen needs to accommodate a multitude of needs, but this can be tricky with the cornucopia of utensils, appliances and other items that come in a variety of sizes and shapes.

Start by organizing your countertops for more surface space. Use clear canisters or ones with labels for ingredients that you use often. Line them against the wall and only pull them forward when you need something out of one.

Do you like to keep fruit out for easy snacking? Use a tiered fruit basket to help save counter space. Keep utensils and spices off of the counter and in a cupboard or drawer.

Create home organization by going through your pantry. Pull everything out and throw away any food that's past its expiration date. Wipe down each shelf and place everything back in an order that makes sense to you. Place heavier liquid items like water jugs and cans of soda on the bottom so they don't leak down onto other items or cause stress to the shelf. Lighter and infrequently used items should go toward the top, while commonly used objects should go on shelves where you can quickly see and grab them.

Your final home organization hack for the kitchen is to use drawer organizers for your utensils. When every item has their own "home," it's easier to find them later instead of digging around in a drawer while your pasta boils over.

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The Living Room

After the kitchen, the living room is probably your most lived-in space. You're likely to have pillows littering the floor, clothing strewn about and dirty dishes populating the end tables from eating in front of the television. We've found a few ways to make organizing your living room a breeze.

Clear out any items you're no longer using to help cut down on the clutter.

Utilize baskets. They're the perfect place for smaller items that could be cluttering the floor or tables. Slide them under the coffee table, onto a shelf or next to the sofa or armchair to keep them organized.

Take advantage of any vertical storage you have such as bookshelves and built-ins. They can provide the perfect solution for items you want to get off the floor.



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The Dining Room

The dining room is likely one of the spaces you'll need to worry the least about. If you're like most families, you typically only use this space for family meals, paperwork and possibly homework. But many of us end up using the dining room table as a "catch-all" because of its infrequent use.

If you notice that there is a little bit of clutter in the space, start with tossing what you don't need. Many of those coupons at the end of the table are probably expired, and if you don't plan on using any of them during your next shopping trip, you're probably not going to use them at all. It's better to throw them out now rather than let them continue to fill the space.

Use a sideboard or similar table to create a command center in your living room. Now laptops, craft supplies or spare items have an organized home in your living room.

If you find yourself dropping purses, mail or coats off on the table, get in the habit of clearing it off before you go to sleep for the night. That way clutter won't build up, and you won't find yourself in the midst of a decluttering project every couple of months.



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The Bedroom

If you want a good night's sleep, one of the best favors you can do for yourself is to tidy up your bedroom. The clean space invites tranquility and a calm mind, helping you to drift right into a restful repose. A cluttered room, on the other hand, can cause increased anxiety, leading to a restless night. Your bedroom should be a sanctuary — not a source of stress.

One easy way to declutter your bedroom is by creating under-the-bed storage. If your bed doesn't already sit on a platform with drawers, you can generate storage space with rolling or sliding storage bins for keeping seasonal clothing or extra bed linens.

Make your bed every day. While you're not necessarily putting something away, you are putting it back in its place — and that can be part of a very healthy organizational habit. It may even help motivate you to get the rest of the room back in order.

Is your room overrun by shoes? Place stackable shoe racks under hanging clothes in your walk-in closet.

If you don't have a jewelry box or stand, consider using a jewelry drawer. You can insert simple drawer organizers or boxes. This will make it easier to find your favorite earrings or watch.

Don't forget about your closet. While your bedroom may finally be under control, your closet is a completely separate space that may not get the attention it needs. Decide if it needs a complete reorganization or just a quick decluttering session. If it needs a total overhaul, start by going through your closet and deciding what will stay and what will go. Reorganize the items that are staying by grouping similar items together. If you have items that you wear more often than others, place those in the most easily accessible spot.



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The Bedroom continued...

Be sure to keep a hamper in your room, closet or attached bathroom. That will help prevent used clothes from cluttering the floor.

A small trash bin is a must. It will give you a much better place to put tissues, sticky notes and other scraps rather than the floor.

When it comes to your children's or grandchildren's rooms, you may have to organize a whole different kind of disaster.

The combination of clothes and toys alone can lead to chaos underfoot. Instead, try to keep toys and other activities in a separate room

If you don't have a separate room for those belongings, create a cubby system with labeled baskets for different items. The kids' rooms will be tidy in no time and will be easier to keep that way.

Create clothing storage that's easy for little ones to reach. That way they'll be able to help keep their own space tidy by putting clothes away when they're done with them. Use the backs of doors to your advantage. You can use Command or 3M hooks to hold totes of stuffed animals or other belongings, keeping them off of the floor and out of the way.



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The Bathroom

As the smallest place in your home, your bathroom is the most important place for organization. Just a few things out of place can make it feel disorganized and cramped.

Clear out anything that hasn't been used in the last six months. That includes medications and makeup.

Group bathroom supplies by use. Cleaning products can go on one side of the cabinet, toiletries can go in a basket or rolling rack next to the sink, and smaller bottles are hidden behind the mirror in the medicine cabinet.

Add storage space with shelving units or floating shelves. Many bathrooms don't have closets in or near the room, so you'll need to create your own storage space. Shelves can provide a place to keep your extra towels and baskets or bins of accessories.

Use plastic drawer storage under the sink. The space under your counter is usually wide open, making it the perfect place for small rolling bins. If you don't have a lot of counter space, this can be the ideal place for makeup and hygiene products.

Like the kitchen, the bathroom is a place with a lot of small items. To help with organization, place smaller items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, contacts and hair accessories in smaller baskets within drawers.

Because your shower doesn't have built-in shelving, take advantage of shower caddies. Assign each person in the home their own caddy to help separate things like shampoo, conditioner and body wash.

Make sure everything has a space. This will make it easier to put belongings back when you're done with them.



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The Laundry Room

Doing laundry is a chore that most of us already don't enjoy, so why make it more difficult on yourself with a disorganized space? Make doing laundry easier by organizing your space with the following tips.

Start with creating a sorting system before you bring loads of dirty clothes to the laundry room. The size of your family and your weekly schedule will be a factor in your sorting system. A common, easy idea to start with is creating separate "Dark" and "Light" baskets for each person. Regardless of what your system looks like, be sure to use something that works best for you and your family.

Besides creating a system, you also want to create a schedule. If your children or grandchildren live with you, even for just a few days, your schedule might include more frequent laundry days. Use a separate day to wash towels and linens.

Add baskets to your space for multiple uses. Aside from using them to sort laundry and keep track of what's clean and what's dirty, you can also use them to organize cleaning supplies like laundry detergent and cleaning rags.

It's important to have a drying rack for delicate items that can't go in the dryer. Unfortunately, if your laundry room is closer in size to a laundry closet, you may not have enough space for a full drying rack. Add tension rods between cabinets or the wall to create your own drying rack.

More hands make for lighter work, so if you can, get the kids or grandkids involved with sorting and folding clothes!

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