

# Organizational Tips for Every Room

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Most of us have drawers, closets, or garages filled with “stuff” — things we just can’t seem to part with. Yet when we go looking for an item that we know we own but haven’t seen in a while, we get frustrated by the time it takes to search and find it.

This guide was designed to give you tips and ideas on how to get “stuff” organized in every room in your home, so you can minimize the time you spend looking and maximize your enjoyment of what you do own.



## TIP #1: The Bedroom Closet

First, remove everything from your bedroom closet and place it in one of three piles: one for the items that you want to keep, another for items to donate (anything out of style or that doesn't fit), and a third for items that are stained or in disrepair that should be thrown away.

Give your closet a thorough cleaning, and then start to place your items back into the closet with this in mind:

- **CREATE SIGHTLINES:** You don't wear what you don't see. So fold sweaters and shirts, and stack them on shelves so that you're reminded of what you have.

- **CATEGORIZE AND COMPARTMENTALIZE:** Group clothing types together — shirts with shirts, pants with pants, jackets with jackets, etc. to make finding what you need easier. Use drawers or containers to store items such as socks, workout gear, belts, and scarves.

A well-designed  
walk-in closet is  
a room all its own

## TIP #2: The Entertainment Center

If you haven't really tackled this in a few years, chances are it's a bit dusty behind all your electronics. Before you take everything out of every shelf and drawer, you will want to ensure you can reconnect everything again, so have a pen and set of labels handy. That way you can note to which device it connects; then attach it to the cable as you disconnect it. Pull out all your devices (TV's, DVD players, etc.) so you can thoroughly clean them and the space behind them.

Style?  
Meet function!

- **TAME YOUR TECHNOLOGY:** Lay all your cables on the floor and organize them by endpoint, which will make it easier when you reconnect. For example, group all your power cords, coaxial, HDMI and component cables so you can hide all your cords and cables. Have twist ties, cable ties, or Velcro handy, then wrap the cable around your hand and tie it off and shorten the distance between any two devices.
- **CONCEAL LARGE ELECTRONICS:** Consider the addition of sliding doors so you can cover your flat screen TV and other electronics when not in use.







### TIP #3: *The Family Space*

As the one room in your home where everyone gathers on a regular basis, your family space can get cluttered very quickly. The first step is to group similar items together: toys, crafts, reading material, remotes, etc., which can help you determine where to store items most readily.

- **CENTRALIZE YOUR MEDIA:** Designate a shelf for all media items. Include a small basket dedicated to storing remotes for easy access.
- **MIX DECOR AND FUNCTIONALITY:** Incorporate doors and drawers to create specific storage spaces for games, toys and electronics. Use your open shelving as a beautiful display area.

- **CREATE DEDICATED HIDDEN STORAGE:** Define a built-in storage area for art supplies and crafting materials to create a “go-to” creative area for your children that also encourages quick cleanup.
- **USE BINS TO KEEP IT CLEAN:** Use lidded containers and baskets with labels to store kids’ toys and make tidying up easier.

Maintain order  
without  
sacrificing comfort

### TIP #4: *The Home Office*

These days, many home offices do double duty as a bedroom or guest room, so it’s even more critical to keep your day-to-day work contained yet accessible.

- **CATEGORIZE YOUR FILING:** Keep your desk clutter-free by creating individual files for items that require your review, such as bills, insurance, taxes and receipts.
- **REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE:** Keep a small trash bin in your office to keep recyclable materials separate from regular trash.
- **CONCEAL TECHNOLOGY:** Place your printer in a cabinet with a slide-out shelf for quick

access and the option to tuck it away when not in use.

- **CONSIDER A MURPHY BED:** Also called a wall bed, pull down bed, or fold-down bed, this is a bed that is hinged at one end so it can be stored vertically against the wall or inside of a closet or cabinet when not in use. Add a custom mattress and your guests will thank you for it!

A beautiful blend  
of organization  
and efficiency





### TIP #5: *The Entryway*

The first impression of your home is gleaned from your entryway, and there's nothing more frustrating than guests having to navigate it like an obstacle course — especially if you have kids and/or sporting equipment.

- **DESIGNATE PERSONAL SPACES:** Assign each family member a cubby, basket, hook, or drawer in which they can store or hang their belongings.
- **PROVIDE ENTRYWAY SEATING:** A bench offers a place to sit while putting on and removing shoes and boots.

- **NEVER LOSE YOUR KEYS AGAIN:** Dedicate one drawer or cubby for mail and another to store your wallet and keys. A recycling bin on a shelf allows you to quickly discard junk mail.
- **CHANGE WITH THE SEASONS:** Alternate jackets and shoes with the weather and move the prior seasons' items to a designated closet elsewhere in your home.

Functional yet  
visually pleasing

### TIP #6: *The Kid's Closet*

Whether they're big or small, your child's closet doesn't have to be a disaster zone. Kids are known for never throwing anything away, so start by discarding any broken toys, torn clothing or worn out items.

- **ADJUST ACCESS TO MATCH THEIR SIZE:** Set rods and shelves at your child's height so he or she has access to everyday clothing. Use higher areas for additional items that are used infrequently.
- **ADD CONVENIENT CONTAINERS:** Place small items such as socks, gloves, hats and hair accessories into labeled storage.

Store toys in bins or baskets to make playtime (and cleanup) fun and easy.

- **UTILIZE ALL AVAILABLE SPACE:** Incorporate toy storage or a desk within a larger closet to keep the room free of additional pieces of furniture.

Adapt as  
they grow





### **TIP #7:** *Enlist a Professional*

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