

Decluttering Ideas to Get You Started

- The Kitchen
 - Place holiday dishes and china out of the cabinets you use most often
 - Place your everyday dishes and glassware over the dishwasher for convenience
 - Consider organizational products for plastic containers and lids, baking sheets and pots and pans
 - Stack your pots and pans with the largest ones on the bottom and smaller ones on top to save space
 - If you have space try hanging your pots and pans on the wall (this is especially helpful if you are lacking cupboard space)
 - Try organizing your cutting boards and/or baking sheets with a magazine or file folder rack
 - Develop a system for your pantry where you can see items easily and use the “last in, last out” rule (try organizing by canned goods/jars, bulk items, snacks, prepackaged foods, ect)
 - Organize your pantry with racks, clear containers and baskets as needed
 - Don't forget about the inside of your pantry door (shoe organizers hang well over these doors and can be good for organizing)
 - Check expiration dates on spices, canned and packaged goods
 - Use organizing bins/baskets in your fridge to keep like items together
 - Make a habit of clearing your countertops every night before bed to keep your kitchen clutter free
- The Bedroom
 - Make your bed in the morning
 - Organize one drawer at a time putting items in keep and donate piles and sorting similar items together in the same drawers (t-shirts, socks, ect)
 - Try to keep the space under your bed a clutter free zone (if storing things under your bed use under-the-bed storage containers)
 - Turn your hangers around backwards and anything that is still turned backward in a year get rid of
 - If you are limited on space use hooks or you can even hang baskets on the wall for light items (socks, underwear, ect) or try multiple racks of clothing bars in your closet to give enough space and shelves above the clothing racks
 - Over the door racks can help you organize bags, scarves, belts, ties, shoes, ect
- The Bathroom
 - Check expiration dates on medications and get rid of expired products
 - Over the door bins/shoe racks can be ideal with small bathrooms to hold hair brushes, styling produces, hair dryers and more
 - Floating shelves can be helpful in small bathrooms to store extra towels or other products
 - Get rid of any old makeup products that may be expired or that you are not going to use
 - Small baskets and organizers can tidy up makeup products and keep them all in one spot
- The Living Room
 - Use under furniture storage if available
 - Use woven storage baskets for smaller items
 - Hanging or floating shelves can also give you extra storage in the living room (but try not to clutter them with too many trinkets)
 - Cubbies are great for storage and display in the living room as well (use baskets in the cubbies to keep things more organized)
- The Office
 - The items on top of your desk should be items you use on a daily basis
 - Create a daily process where you are filing paperwork
 - Invest in a filing cabinet and hanging file folders to keep all paperwork organized
 - Consider using twist ties and labels for wires
 - If you have lots of small items on your desk or workstation (also applicable to craft tables for kids) get a small rolling cart for storage, its small enough to fit under the table and keeps everything on hand
 - A shoe organizer or jars can help organize craft supplies, sort them into bins that make sense and label them encouraging kids to put them back where they got them

- The Entryway
 - Store off-season items elsewhere
 - Create a cubbie system where everything has a place, label the cubbies either with each person's name or hat, mitts, shoes, backpacks, ect to keep things organized (this is a great idea especially with children)
 - Baskets can help keep things organized and can be tucked away in the closet