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Organizing Your Home: Part 2

In part 1, we went over motivating yourself, planning, and organizing your entryways, closets and mudrooms. In this; part 2 of our 3 part series we will go over maximizing fridge, cabinet and counter space, organizing cleaning supplies, and bathroom storage tricks.

Fridge Fantasies

No we aren't talking the last piece of chocolate cake for midnight snack. We are talking about knowing where everything is in your fridge 24/7.

The Preemptive Wipe

Having to whip up sticky stuff out of the bottom of your fridge is one of the worst jobs in to kitchen. So organize your fridges to limit the need to do so. Keep your sticky items like syrup, jams, and sauces in removable bins, this way you know where all your sticky items are and when they drip or dribble you can simply take the bin out wash it up and put it back in the fridge.

Container Conundrum

So many of us have so many styles of Tupperware and they don't fit together, turning our fridges from a place to store leftover pizza, to the storing a mini version of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. So this is the prefect time to go out and buy some more of your favourite containers. This will not just allow you to stack your leftovers in your fridge perfectly, but also help you save valuable cabinet space.

Create That Counter Space

One of the biggest struggles in every kitchen is finding counter space. To keep you kitchen running efficiently counter space is a must but often the hardest thing to find and create. The following tips should help with that.

Level Up

Are you one of the people that prefer to have your most frequently used items out for easy access like us? If that is the case a narrow shelf between the counter

top and the upper cabinets may be the perfect solution. It can hold your recipe cards, spices and even small dishes if need be.

Junk Your Utensil Jar

You know the jar we are talking about, it's on your counter top with tongs, spatulas, wooden spoons, whisks... and you probably only use 1 or 2 of them at a time. So why is your entire collection out all the time? Instead you may be able to hang your favourite inside a near by cabinet door on small hooks.

Storage on Wheels

Maybe you have a bit more space in your kitchen but don't have a lot of counter/cabinet space. A good option for you might be a moveable island. They carry these at most home décor stores, but if you're looking for something a little different we've also seen people use metal tool chest with wooden tops. I know it seems crazy, but the industrial look is coming back into style. Many of them have power bars built in and some even come with USB ports and bottle openers.

Cabinet Space Savers

Every kitchen in the world has a limited amount of cabinet space. Some kitchens have more, some have less but the fact remains, once your kitchen is built the cubic ft. of storage doesn't change. So your only option is to maximize the space you have available and with these tips we hope we can help with that.

Start a System for Your Spices

Spices, they come in tiny bottles and individually don't take up all that much space, but when you add up all the spices you own the cabinet space wasted is astonishing. One way you can organize your spices is by using magnetic spice racks. You can mount them to the back of cabinet doors, to the bottom of your upper cabinets, or to the side of your cabinets if you'd like. The main objective here is to get as many of your spices off the shelves so you can use them for bigger items.

Hang Your Mugs

Looking for a better way to store your mugs so that the handles don't take up all that shelf space? Use the handles to your advantage and hang them from the bottom of a shelf. Simply find some tiny hook and remove the shelf, space the hooks evenly along the shelf, put the shelf back and hang your mugs.

Nesting Isn't Just for Birds

Be sure to purchase nesting items, whether it's your plates, bowls, pots and pans, or Tupperware, items that can fit within each other are a great space saver.

Clean Up Those Cleaning Supplies

Ever notice how the messiest area in your house is where you store your cleaning supplies. Funny isn't it. In this section we are going to go over keeping your cleaning supplies organized.

Roll On

This is one for people with older kids, but storing your cleaning supplies on a rolling cart in a closet allows you to wheel your most frequently used cleaning products from room to room, saving you time and energy.

A Shoe Organizer?

Yup that's right, if rolling them around isn't for you maybe using one of the shoe organizer that hang on the back of a closet door is. It takes up virtually no and stores a plethora of supplies. It may be unconventional but it works well.

Get a Caddy... or 4

Buy a multiple caddies you can carry around and if need be duplicates of your supplies. Label them "bathroom", "living room" and so on. This way you know what you have and where the supplies are for.

Pull It Out.

Retro fit under your sinks with pull out bins this way nothing gets lost in the back behind your plumbing fixtures.

Bathroom Bonanza

One of the smallest places in the home is the Bathroom, but it also needs to store so much, toilet paper, soaps, shampoos, conditioners, moisturizer, blow dryers and so on. So keeping organized is a must for optimal efficiency.

Add More Cabinetry

Cabinet space is always at a premium in every home, especially in the bathroom. Hanging an extra cabinet over the toilet is a great way to save on storage. Or you can ever slip one of those narrow freestanding cabinets between the toilet or sink.

Put Your Cabinet Doors to Work

Just like many of the kitchen space savers. Cabinet doors are great place to mount curling irons, blow dryers, and other accessories with specialty mounting baskets.

Shower Curtain Storage

A shower curtain can be more than just a water shield. If you look hard enough you can find some with funky mesh pockets allowing water to flow through it and soaps, shampoos and other items to hang from your shower curtain.