

Find More Space: Tools That Can Help

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In this, the last of three in the finding space series, we offer advice on low cost tools you can find to maximize your storage spaces.

Once you purge clutter and use existing space more creatively, the right tools can make an even bigger difference in your options.

The existence of these tools are no secret, we outline them here in order to save you the time it would take to discover them yourself. Most are found easily in stores that carry household items.

Shelf Dividers- These are a great way to compartmentalize your linen, towels or folded clothing that can shift or slide with use. You can easily maintain the categories you want and keep closets shelves looking neat.

Graduated Stand-Up Files- We love these on our desktop to store ongoing, current projects. Since you can see the tabs your files are visible and always at your fingertips.

Carryall Bins- Use these to store all your cleaning supplies. Toss cloths, paper towels, sponges and scouring brushes as well. Keep it stowed under a sink then tote it to where you are cleaning. The steps saved add up and clean up takes seconds!

Drawer Organizers- Depending on your needs and space, these come in either grid or adjustable lane styles. Both are perfect for keeping small items visible and useful in a compact way. Put scarves, accessories or undergarments in some. Use them for film, junk drawers, craft supplies or kitchen gadgets.

Cubbies- No wonder schools use these wonders so widely! Cubbies are a super way to store many items in a small yet ordered way. Label a set with names of family and put them by the door, get shoe sized ones to make the most of closet floor space, put toys or playthings in them in the kid's room. The possibilities are endless!

If this list hasn't gotten you started, then head to your local organizing store and browse until you see something that sparks your interest.

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