

5 top tips for organised living



Amy Revell, Declutter Queen at Simply Organised, has been working closely with Ikea on how to organise your home using pieces such as the Eket storage box (\$25) which allows you to work vertically and make use of empty wall space. Eket can also give you a beautiful wall display to showcase your favourite items.

Decluttering the home can be a stressful activity. While it is helpful to do a purge once a year – or ideally at the beginning of every season – sometimes it can be overwhelming. However, there are some simple things you can do throughout the year to make your life a little easier, such as:

Prevention is the best solution: Make decluttering part of your routine, instead of a sudden and short-lived flurry of activity. Implement organisational systems that will stop your household returning to the jumble it was before. - Elizabeth Barton, Lorraine Lea independent stylist, NSW/ACT.

Like with like: Group similar items together as you declutter so you can see how many of each item you have. You may think you only have two sets of towels, but once you take everything out and put the towels together you realise you actually have five sets. If you have blankets for instance kept in several places in your home, bring them all together before you declutter so you can accurately see what you have. - Amy Revell,

Declutter Queen at Simply Organised.

Action station: To keep your paperwork in check, it can help to have an ‘action station’ – a filing system that sits on your desk with all actionable items such as: bills to be paid, receipts to be claimed, invites to RSVP to. It doesn’t include papers that are being filed for future reference; they go in your filing cabinet instead. - Virginia Wells, professional organiser, WellSorted.

Smart storage: Use an over-the-door hanger to store extra bits and pieces (or towels) in the bathroom without clogging up benches and draws. Vacuum pack winter items to save space. - Eliza Goddard, Pillow Talk.

Shared online calendar: Syncing your online calendar (Google, Outlook, etc) with your family members is a quick and easy way to keep track of family commitments in the one place. It’s quick and easy for everyone to view and update on your smart phone, tablet or computer. - Amy Kennedy, professional organiser, The Organising Bee.



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