

# Everything

## in Its Place

Whip every room into shape with these practical organizing ideas and solutions from design pros.

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Margaret Rajac; designed by Kate Marker Interiors.



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## Build cubbies from floor to ceiling.

An active family relies on a mudroom with enough capacity for coats, bags and shoes — which might mean using every inch of vertical space. “The result is a tidy appearance and no searching for necessary items on the way to work or school,” says designer Bethany Adams of Bethany Adams Interiors.



## Install a farmhouse-style plate rack.

To maximize natural light in this Craftsman home, designer Julia Miller of Yond Interiors ditched traditional upper cabinets. “With the plate rack, we were able to gain vertical storage without losing light while keeping the millwork and cabinetry details consistent with the rest of the house,” she says.

FOR SIMILAR: MANCHESTER **PLATE RACK**, \$399, POTTERYBARN.COM



## Conceal kitchen essentials.

A microwave and a coffee maker are hidden in a cabinet (*above*) to prevent visual clutter. “It gives the kitchen a nice clean look,” says designer Andi Morse of Morse Design. A family that enjoys entertaining uses a drawer for plates and bowls (*right*). “The dishes are secure and easy to access for daily use,” says designer Tanya Smith-Shiflett of Unique Kitchens & Baths.



### HOW TO

## Save Space in the Kitchen

Make the most of every inch with these tips from organizer Rachel Rosenthal ([rachelrosenthal.co](http://rachelrosenthal.co)).

- 1 **DECLUTTER.**  
Keep only what you need. Ask yourself: *Have I used it lately? Has it expired? Does it fit my current lifestyle?*
- 2 **DITCH BULKY PACKAGING.**  
Transfer foods like snacks and cereals into space-saving reusable containers.
- 3 **ORGANIZE ITEMS INTO CATEGORIES.**  
Group like products in your fridge and pantry. This will also make adding items to your grocery list a breeze!

Erin Little, designed by Yond Interiors.

Microwave in cabinet: Heidi Harris; designed by Morse Design. Dish drawer: Stacy Zarin Goldberg; designed by Unique Kitchens & Baths. Rosenthal: Laura Meltzer.



Meghan Beierle-O'Brien, designed by Hub of the House Studio.

## Transform a closet into a pantry.

In this pantry, “we opened up an existing closet to the main kitchen and added an exterior window for light and a clear glass pocket door and sidelight for access,” says designer Karen Harautuneian of Hub of the House Studio. Serving pieces stand out against the patterned tile backdrop, while drawers are reserved for tabletop items ranging from cloth napkins to flatware.



### Keep visible ingredients orderly.

A recessed spice rack makes it easy to read labels. Stick to one size for bottles: “Then spices can be arranged alphabetically or grouped according to use—for example, baking, everyday spices and herbs,” says Hub of the House Studio’s Karen Harautuneian.



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Spice rack: Meghan Beierle-O'Brien, Pantry: Angela Newton Roy Photography, designed by Bungalow 10 Interiors.

## Make organized spaces beautiful.

Don’t treat your pantry like a drab supply closet. “Think of your dishes and cutting boards as accessories instead of just items you’re hiding away,” says designer Kristin Harrison of Bungalow 10 Interiors. “Mix in some small framed artwork and flowers. It has to be functional, but it can still look beautiful, because you end up spending a lot of time going in and out of there.”



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## Conceal clutter in baskets.

In this multipurpose room, rope baskets in varied sizes make it easy to quickly tidy up things like toys and school supplies before guests arrive. “The baskets have a clean, contemporary look, but they also make the space feel more grown-up,” says designer Linda Hayslett of LH.Designs.

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Lauren Taylor; designed by LH.Designs.



## Arrange books by color...

...but consider removing the jackets first, says designer Megan Evans of Megan Evans Interiors. “The color palette for this room is very vibrant, so we organized the shelving unit in rainbow order to make a bright and fun statement while also being functional.”

Bookshelf: Laura Steffan; designed by Megan Evans Interiors. Guitars: Madeline Harper; designed by ATX Design. Cloud: Amanda Anderson.



### HOW TO

## Display a Collection

From guitars to glassware, arrange what you love with these tips from designer Marie Cloud of Indigo Pruitt (indigopruitt.com).

- 1 CURATE AND ROTATE.**  
Display a few favorite pieces at a time, and change items periodically so every one gets its moment to shine.
- 2 BE MINDFUL OF SCALE.**  
Set up items to naturally lead the eye, such as by placing larger pieces behind or above smaller ones.
- 3 CHOOSE PROPER LIGHTING.**  
The right light enhances collectibles' beauty. Use spotlights for wall displays or install lighting in cabinets to highlight dishware.

## BONUS SPACES



### Go monochromatic in a large dining room.

Illuminated with picture lights, tone-on-tone built-ins create an instant focal point in this high-ceilinged dining space. “The bookcases house an evolving array of books, found and gifted objects, relics and personal silliness, all meant to serve as a reminder of what makes the homeowners happy,” says designer Tami Ramsay of Cloth & Kind.

### Try a diagonal wine rack.

Carve out a pocket-size wine rack in an upper cabinet to free up space in lower cabinets. “It looks clean and stylish,” says designer Lathem Gordon of GordonDunning.



### Add a beverage station under the stairs.

This “lemonade bar” in a family’s New Jersey beach house is the perfect use of the empty space, says designer Christina Kim.



Dining room: Robert Peterson. Rustic White Photography, designed by Tami Ramsay, Cloth & Kind. Wine rack: Sarah Dorio; designed by GordonDunning. Bar: Raquel Langworthy; designed by Christina Kim Interior Design.

### Prioritize favorite collectibles.

“Place your most-loved pieces where your eye first gravitates. Then fill in and be flexible,” says Annie Obermann of Forge & Bow.





## Hide a closet behind a wall.

The lack of closets in this guest bedroom wasn't a problem for designer Ghislaine Viñas — she had them installed. “We built them in on one wall and added architectural trim around the room to disguise the doors,” she says. “It’s a sneaky way of hiding the closet and providing uniformity in a small room.”



Jason Varney; designed by Ghislaine Viñas.



## Frame a pass-through with shelves.

To bring visual appeal to the space between two teenagers' rooms, designer Christina Kim installed shelves of different widths and heights for books, flea market finds and family photos.

Raquel Langworthy; designed by Christina Kim Interior Design.