

How I Pinch A Penny

Organize with what you have

DIY projects will help get your home in order

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I am the first to admit that I am not the most organized person in the world.

I have a habit of cluttering up every horizontal surface in my house with all sorts of crafts, activities and junk.

But I do have a few tricks that have worked for me over the years. Naturally, they are pretty frugal in nature.

You might even have everything in your house to start organizing right now.



Socks and unmentionables

Cut cardboard shoe boxes in half, either horizontally or vertically, depending on the dimensions of your drawer.

When shoe boxes are cut down, they can easily nest together. Use different sized boxes to create customized drawer spaces.

Get fancy and decorate the boxes with colorful contact paper or Washi tape. My oldest daughter did an awesome job using colorful duct tape to cover her drawer organizers.



Tall boots

Tall boots are all the rage in fashion. But have you tried to store those beauties? They flop over and can take up a lot of precious floor space.

Take a tip from me and mount a closet rod a few inches above the height of your tallest boots.

Using clip-style skirt hangers, attach the top of the boots and hang them on the rod to keep everything straight and organized.



Earrings

Do you have a drawer or even a bowl on your dresser full of jumbled earrings? I certainly did.

Take advantage of wall space and hang your earrings as art. Insert a piece of square mesh in an empty picture frame and secure the mesh with staples. Hang the frame on

the wall and your wallpaper or paint color will show through coordinating perfectly with the rest of your room.

Hook your earrings through the squares and your jewelry will be on display.



Toothbrushes

Keep your toothbrushes, rinse cups and toothpaste cleared off your countertop. Using heavy-duty Velcro, attach light-weight plastic cups to the inside of the lower

cabinet door.

Store toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste in cups for each family member. Rinse cups can be removed for each cleaning and stashed away afterward.



Flip-flops and flats

Do away with the pile of flip-flops and ballet flats tossed in the corner.

Grab a few magazine file boxes and file those flats away!

Several pairs can fit in each file box and you will be able to see all your colors and patterns at a glance.

Plus, magazine file boxes will fit on a top shelf in your closet.

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