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Letter from the Editors

Hey DIY Fans,

There's nothing better than a clean and organized home. Everything has its own place and you can easily find all the things you need. Are you looking for DIY storage ideas? Projects that will help with your organization? If you are looking to get yourself and your home organized, then you've come the right place! This collection of fabulous DIY projects will help you give you great ideas for organizing your space in a budget-friendly way. This group of organizational ideas features DIY tutorials for your entryway, closets, living room, and more! From chic and practical paper holders to cool cushioned lids to hide storage boxes, this selection of homemade storage ideas is centered on DIY organizational projects that you can make with ease and are sure to adore.

With *Get Organized: 8 DIY Storage Ideas and Organization Projects,* you will be able to clear up the clutter in any room in your house. Whether you are getting organized as a New Year's resolution, want to hide your miscellaneous items with cute and stylish storage ideas, or simply want to clean up your space, you are sure to find the organization project you need in this collection. Most of these tutorials require just a few materials and have just a couple of simple steps, which means you'll be making your own DIY storage projects in no time! By printing out this free eBook, you will have an amazing resource for the greatest organization ideas around. These DIY storage ideas and organizational projects are sure to make your home chic, clean, and organized!

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Happy creating!

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Life Saver DIY Paper Organizer

By: Kara from Life with FingerPrints

Okay, so your supply closet can get quite messy - especially with your little ones loving arts and crafts. With this Life Saver DIY Paper Organizer, you are going to love the time you save cleaning up that cluttered unorganized mess. You will also save money because you won't have to repurchase paper materials with DIY organization ideas like this. This genius idea can help organize not only your craft supplies, but your bills, school assignments, invitations, and so much more.

Supplies:

- Scrap wood
- Table saw
- Glue
- Nails
- Hammer
- Paper

Instructions:

1. Gather scrap wood and table saw.

2. Cut two sides and a back piece of wood and cut 9 sets of grooves in each (using the table saw) and cut a top and bottom.

3. Glue, clamp, and nail the sides to the back and attach the tops and bottoms as well.
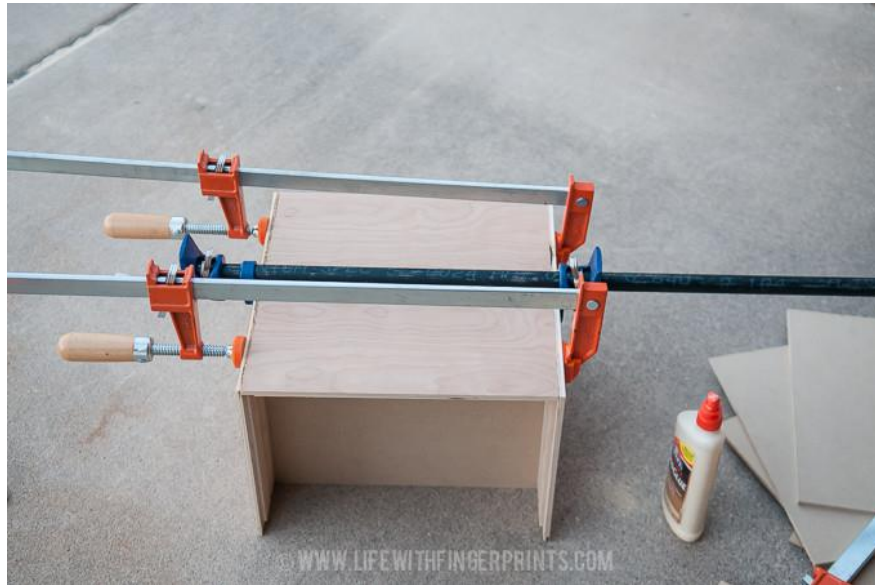
4. Once dry, slide in each shelf – they are adjustable, shelves can be removed for larger stacks of paper.

5. Add paper to each shelf.

DIY Drawer Organizer

By: Sarah from [Purple Patch DIY](#)

If you're running out of bedroom decor ideas, this DIY Drawer Organizer includes transforming a random thrift store find into a one-of-a-kind furniture piece where you can store clothes, accessories, or jewelry. This extremely inexpensive and easy makeover only requires spray paint and wooden knobs you can find at any craft store. Be as creative as you want with the colors you choose to paint the DIY organizer and drawer knobs, and you're guaranteed to be satisfied with your new drawer organizer for your bedroom.

Supplies:

- Inexpensive drawer chest
- Wooden Knobs
- Yellow Spray Paint
- Gray Spray Paint
- E-6000 glue

Instructions:

1. Start with a cheap drawer organizer (in this case with four drawers, but it could work for 2).

2. Pick out two spray paint colors that match your décor (for this project yellow and gray were chosen).

3. Paint your old drawers with spray paint color #1. Allow to dry.

4. Pick out the type of handles you want. In this case, the choice was wooden knobs.

5. Paint your drawer knobs with spray paint color #2. Allow to dry.

6. Glue one painted wooden drawer knob to each individual drawer. (The blogger used E-600 glue).

7. You have successfully completed this upcycling project and now have a drawer organizer that matches your home décor and style!

DIY Basket Shelves

By: Dani from Life Over Easy

Why not make your wall decor ideas unique and thrifty with these DIY Basket Shelves? Rather than traditional bookshelves, these basket crafts are actually very easy to piece together on a wall and really stand out any room. Switch up your style by using a variety of different baskets and fill them with books, records, or any other trinkets. You are going to love how this keeps your rooms together and stylish. These DIY bookshelves are perfect for any kids' room ideas or family room ideas.

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Supplies:

- Selection of colored wire, wood, and wicker baskets
- Masking Tape
- Screws and washers

Instructions:

1. Select your choices of baskets. Colored wire, wood, and wicker baskets can all be used.

2. The biggest trick is designing the layout. Use the floor as a template for design you want. Measure the space you want your baskets to fit in. Use masking tape and make a replica-sized space on the floor.

3. Place the baskets in different configurations until you get the arraignment you like.

4. Mark the locations of the baskets on the tape.

5. Transfer to the entire taped rectangle to the wall (this step may require a helper). Use the tape on the wall as a drilling template. Use the screws and washers to secure the baskets.

Painted Pallet Crate DIY Shelves

By: Plaid Enterprises

Revamp old pallet crates into a DIY shelving unit with this tutorial. These Painted Pallet Crate DIY Shelves are both functional and fun. Pallet crates, with their size, are excellent for DIY storage. However, even though it's fun to have a rustic look, plain pallet crates can get a little drab. That's where this DIY project comes in. Whether you enjoy the pretty purple hues featured here, or want to pick out your own color scheme, these painted DIY shelves are sure to be a fabulous addition to your home.

Supplies:

- FolkArt ® Acrylic Colors - Gray Owl, 2 oz. Item #2656
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Metallic Gold, 8 oz. Item #34804
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Wood Tint - Walnut, 8 oz. Item #34854
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Maui Sand, 8 oz. Item #34932
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Turkish Tile, 8 oz. Item #36020
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Cobblestone, 8 oz. Item #36021
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - English Lavender, 8 oz. Item #36022
- FolkArt ® Acrylic Colors - Maroon, 2 oz. Item #415
- Two small CD crates
- Four large crates
- Large brush
- Soft cotton rag
- Three large mason jars
- Sandpaper

Instructions:

1. Tint or stain the outside of each crate with Walnut Wood Tint. Allow to dry.

2. Paint the inside of each crate the color shown in the photo, let dry and apply second coat. Sand lightly.

3. Stack and assemble crates as desired to create a small shelf unit.

4. Wash and dry mason jars. Paint jars with Metallic Gold Chalk paint and let dry. Sand jars to create distressed look. Paint bottom of each jar with FolkArt Maroon, let dry.

DIY STORAGE IDEAS

DIY Storage Makeover

By: Sarah from Purple Patch DIY

If you're looking for organizing tips and you enjoy DIY projects, you should try this DIY Storage Makeover to add some cute style to your plain storage drawers. Have fun with creative storage ideas like spray painting white bins with your favorite color and adding adhesive metal bookplates to label each drawer. Organizing doesn't have to be tedious when you have decorative bins that look great in any room and are perfect for holding craft items, accessories, papers, and anything else that needs to be stored.

Supplies:

- Plain white and clear drawer tower
- Spray paint (yellow)
- Adhesive Metal Bookplates

Instructions:

1. Start with a clear drawer organizer.

2. Spray paint with your color of choice (yellow in this case).

3. Let the paint dry at least an hour and apply a second coat if necessary.

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4. Gather your adhesive metal bookplates. Paint them with the same color spray paint. Let the paint dry at least an hour and apply a second coat if necessary.

5. Let the frame and bookplates dry at least 24 hours before you actually use it for storage.

Cushion Making DIY Chest Lid

By: Emma Jeffrey for Fiskars

If you need decent storage space but don't want to sacrifice space for seating, then you need to make this DIY project. This Cushion Making DIY Chest Lid tutorial shows you how to sew a cushion for a chest. This way, you can have the storage space you need, but it also doubles as extra seating when closed. Sacrifices need not be made; you can have it all when you DIY! This DIY storage idea helps you with optimizing space in your home. Your chest could hold board games, extra blankets, electronics, and anything you can fit in it. Then, when the lid is shut, enjoy the cushion-y lid as a comfortable seat.

Supplies:

- Adjustable Three-Position Rotary Cutter (45 mm)
- RazorEdge™ Easy Action™ Fabric Shears for Tabletop Cutting (8")
- Acrylic Ruler (6" x 24")
- Cutting Mat (24" x 36")

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Supplies (continued):

- Foam cut to size
- Wooden chest
- Suede home décor fabric
- Pins, sewing machine, thread, needle

Instructions:

1. Measure the length and width of the top of your storage bench and cut a piece of foam to the same dimensions.

2. Cut two pieces of fabric measuring 1" wider and 1" longer than the piece of foam. Use the Adjustable Three-Position Rotary Cutter and rotate it to the power position so that the blade is oriented directly under the handle. This helps to increase the force when cutting multiple layers of thick fabrics.

3. Cut two strips of fabric measuring 1" deeper and 1" longer than the cut foam.

4. Cut two strips of fabric measuring 1" deeper and 1" wider than the foam.

5. Sew the fabric strips from steps 2 and 3 together with a 1/2" seam allowance to form the cushion sides.

6. Fold the remaining fabric in half and place on the cutting mat. Using the 45 degree angle marked line on the cutting mat and the 2" line on the acrylic ruler, cut 2" wide bias strips of fabric.


7. To sew the bias strips together, place two pieces perpendicular to each other, with right sides facing.

8. Sew together on the diagonal. Sew enough fabric strips together so that they will fit around the entire perimeter of the cushion top. Trim away the extra fabric using the RazorEdge™ Easy Action™ Shears for Tabletop Cutting. These spring-action shears with premium-grade stainless-steel blades give you a precise cut all the way to the tip, while the offset handle helps keep fabric flat and minimizes lifting for even more accurate tabletop cutting.

9. Finger-press the bias strips in half with wrong sides facing and place cording in between the fold. Using a piping foot or zipper foot, sew the fabric together, encasing the cording between the layers.

10. Pin, then sew the piping to one piece of fabric cut in step 1, easing the piping around the corners for a smooth finish. The raw edge of the piping will be aligned with the raw edge of the fabric piece. This will be the top of the cushion.
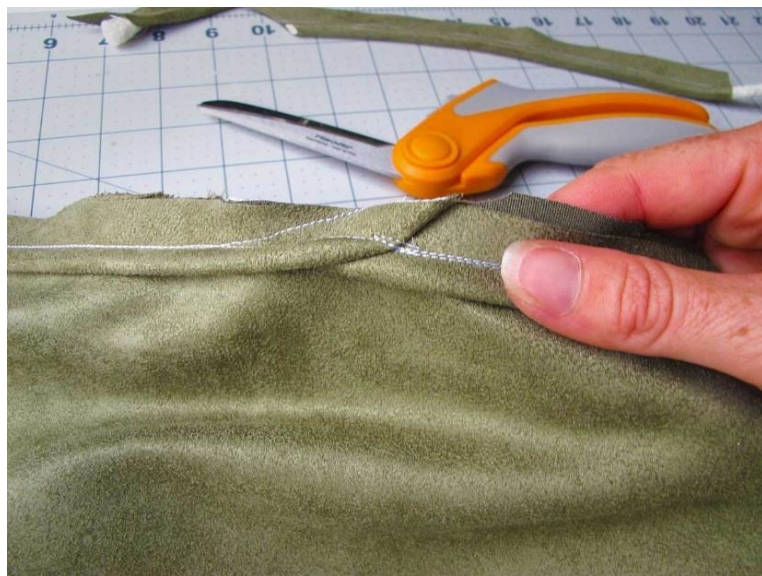
11. Pin, then sew the cushion sides to the cushion top with right sides facing. Check that the side seams are aligned with the corners of the cushion top. The piping will be sandwiched between the layers.

12. Pin, then sew, the remaining fabric piece from step 1 to the rest of the cushion cover. Leave one side unsewn so that it will be possible to insert the foam.

13. Turn the cushion cover to the right side and insert the foam. Hand stitch the remaining cushion side closed. Place the cushioned top on the vintage wooden chest and enjoy your new DIY storage bench.

14. Your project is complete!

Marvelous Marsala Fabric Drawer Storage Chest

By: Plaid Enterprises

Who says DIY storage cannot be both practical and visually appealing? Find out how it can be both with this Marvelous Marsala Fabric Drawer Storage Chest project. Learn how to use fabric to take an old storage unit from drab to fab in just a few days. Gorgeous fabrics can help add a vintage or romantic appeal to furniture pieces. If you have been looking for DIY storage ideas that are both functional and fabulous, you do not need to look any further. This fabric drawer project will help you customize your storage pieces to blend in with your home decor, all the while helping you maintain organization in your home.

Supplies:

- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Java, 8 oz. Item #34165
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - Oatmeal, 8 oz. Item #34166
- FolkArt ® Home Decor™ Chalk - River Walk, 8 oz. Item #34930
- Mod Podge ® Furniture Matte, 16 oz. Item #CS15127
- Flat brush ½"
- Squeegee
- Wax paper
- Scissors
- Marsala colored fabric
- Sandpaper
- Pencil
- Wooden chest with drawers
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Foam plates

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover all the drawers. Lay on a piece of wax paper and brush a coat of Mod Podge® Furniture over surface to seal. Hang to dry.

2. Basecoat wooden chest with Java. Let dry.

3. Cover Java with Oatmeal and River Walk letting the two colors blend together as shown. Let dry.

4. Lightly sand surface to let Java show through creating a weathered look.

5. Lay drawer fronts together on opposite side of fabric. Trace with pencil. Cut out fabric.

6. Apply a coat of Furniture to drawer front, place fabric over drawer and cover with wax paper. Use squeegee to smooth fabric and remove excess Mod Podge®. Repeat with other drawers and let dry at least twenty minutes.

7. Apply several coats of Furniture to drawers to seal.

Decorative DIY Storage Boxes

By: Lolly Jane for Fiskars

Add organization (and color) to your space with these Decorative DIY Storage Boxes. Pretty and practical, these homemade storage boxes demonstrate how organization can be easy and fun. This beginner project helps you create cute, decorative storage boxes that will not only store your items, but also add to your home decor! If you've been on the lookout for cute office spaces projects or easy family room ideas, then these DIY boxes are just what you've been looking for. No matter what your crafting level is, you can get started today making these spectacular-looking storage boxes.

Supplies:

- Colorful cardstock
- Plain storage boxes
- ProCision™ Rotary Bypass Trimmer (12")
- Amplify® Mixed Media Shears (8")

Instructions:

1. Start with different paper boxes that can be found at a local craft store. It's a good idea to purchase some patterned paper as well. Measure the paper around the box and mark as needed to ensure the cuts are being made in the correct place.

2. Cut the marked paper areas using the ProCision Rotary Bypass trimmer. This trimmer is ideal for cutting multiple layers of paper at once, leaving clean cuts and no frayed edges.

3. Measure the cut paper to the boxes and trim the excess paper with Amplify Mixed Media shears for a crisp finish.

4. Paint a thin coat of decoupage on the box and place the paper on top to adhere. To add extra dimension and color to each box, spray a light coat of gold metallic spray paint.

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