



Welcome to 11 Magnolia Lane's Top Organizing Ideas E-book!

We've pulled together some of our favorite ideas and organization thoughts in one place, hopefully it will inspire you to organize some spaces in your home. There are many more ideas from us {Christy & Amy} as well as some wonderful organizing bloggers under the "organization" tab on our header or sidebar category button, so be sure to check them out.

A few years ago I had what I called an "Organizing Epiphany" about how I could simplify my life if I created some kits to help keep my act together. Here is a portion of that post:

My husband's birthday was on Saturday. Earlier that day I was enjoying a rare child-free trip Target to finish up some back-to-school items {and yes, buy him a birthday card}, when I kept feeling an under current of anxiety about getting his birthday gifts wrapped. I know, if I was a "good" blogger I would have a perfectly organized wrapping area where I could whip up stunningly perfect packages and the entire task would be a pleasure, right?

In reality, since we moved last fall, I still had wrapping paper stored under the guest room bed, gift bags stashed in an armoire, gift cards in a drawer in my office, and {hopefully had} tape and scissors somewhere in my kitchen drawers. It would certainly make sense to pull it all together in one place. After all, with three kids there is always a present for a party, teachers etc., and the holidays are coming, yikes!

But then, I started thinking about how if a wrapping "kit" helped with one chore, reduced my anxiety and made it almost a pleasure, wouldn't the concept work for all the other areas where I felt some stress my life? So, I sat down with a pad of paper made a list of all the small chores, events or activities that might possibly be made less stressful by organizing the necessities into a kit, or at least one place.

This book shows some of thoes projects as well as some others that have resonated with our readers. While our blog focuses on much more than just organization, we've pulled together our top blog projects to share with you today to hopefully inspire you as well.

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Amy & Christy

Organizing: A place for everything and everything in its place.
XO Amy & Christy



girls closet organization

Our first organizing project is a solution for a girl's closet in Amy's rental home. An inexpensive Ikea Expedit has shelves attached to it bridging the gap to the wall and providing hanging space. The multi-tiered shelves allow for some clothes to be placed out of reach, but she can still access her play clothes to dress herself. The bins hold toys, hair bows and other treasures. {See the Full Post [HERE](#)}

Three Rules of Work:
Out of clutter find simplicity;
From discord find harmony;
In the middle of difficulty lies
opportunity.
~ Albert Einstein



pantry organization

Christy's pantry has been a popular pin on Pinterest because it makes the most of the compact space she had, starting with the doors where she used chalkboard contact paper for easy menu planning and quick grocery lists. Grouping similar items together makes the small cabinet pretty and functional. Creative solutions like a vintage chip rack and mason jars to hold staples keep to the vintage feel without a lot of visual clutter.

{ See post [HERE](#) }

Don't agonize.
Organize.
~ Florence Kennedy



first aid organization

First Aid supplies are not the most sexy thing to organize but certainly among the most essential. Amy organized medicines into a clear plastic {and child-proof!} bins to keep everything together in one place. The clear plastic interior organizers make it easy to see what you are running low on, and a separate bin for first aid supplies works well because it is portable-- it can be "grabbed" and quickly brought to the injury.

{See more [HERE](#)}

It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt



baking supplies organization

An organized baking pantry allows you to see exactly what you have and what you may need before your next baking binge. Amy used items she already had on hand such as spice jars, bread pans and mason jars to pull all her baking supplies together in a dedicated cabinet next to the oven, which also freed up valuable pantry space. A little shelf liner and chalkboard labels make it pretty AND functional--always our two top priorities when organizing!

{ See Post [HERE](#) }

office armoire



office supply organization

Office supplies can quickly get out of hand, and in homes where office space is scarce {like Christy's current home where her command central is carved out of a small kitchen space} a computer armoire is a perfect solution. Christy organized the inside of this cabinet with vintage finds all coordinated to match her kitchen decor.

{See more [HERE](#)}

dress up clothes



dress-up clothes organization

Organizing the abundance of children's items is challenging enough so sometimes the best thing to do is create a small space just for them. Amy used a vintage armoire and repurposed it as a fantasy dress-up space for her daughter. With doors that close so the items are contained out of sight, it's both a practical and fun solution.

{See more [HERE](#)}

Five Simple Rules For Happiness:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

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small pantry makeover

In Amy's former home she had a very small pantry and limited storage. Making the space function as efficiently as possible was key. She started by taking everything out, purging what was outdated or likely wouldn't be used, and added a few organizing tools and decorative touches like the chevron paper to make a big difference in the small space. Once this pantry was pulled together, it was easy to maintain with essentials in easy view. A shopping list on the door made it easy to write down grocery items while they were still top-of-mind, and a special bin on the door provided a place for lunchboxes so they were easy to access in the mornings but out of sight on weekends. {See more [HERE](#)}

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