

# The Decorating News



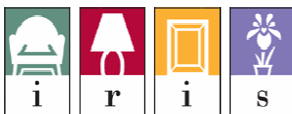
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## Organization 101

What causes a person to get organized around his/her home? A major life change, a need for additional space, stuff accumulating up to one's ears? What causes a person to avoid getting organized? The number one answer is probably not knowing where to start! Getting organized can be a very overwhelming process and is easy to put off until tomorrow; but it doesn't have to be that way. If you find yourself in the same situation here are a few tips to help get you started:

1. **Choose a small place or area to begin.** You don't have to tackle a huge area at one time. Break it up into manageable pieces. For example, if you need to clean out the garage, start with a shelf. Get the shelf completely organized and then move on to the next part.
2. **Work at it a little each day.** If you only have 5 minutes, make the most of that time. Sort through some bills and then file the paperwork. Five minutes may be all you need to organize a countertop or a desk in your home.
3. **Sort into categories.** When cleaning out a closet, a room or a garage, designate at least 3 categories that you will sort all of the contents of the space. Create a "Keep" pile, a "Sell or Donate" pile, and a "Trash" pile. Once you create these piles, immediately take action on them. If you create a donate pile, get the items to a donation location within a few days. You will be more apt to stay organized if you take care of these things immediately.
4. Be realistic with your "Keep" pile. Only keep things that you use regularly or that really mean something to you. If something is very special, don't keep it hidden in a closet. Find a way to incorporate it into the decoration of your home.
5. Make sure you have adequate storage containers and shelving for the items you choose to keep. There are so many wonderful baskets, bins, boxes, etc. available to match any décor. Group like things together and label your baskets and boxes for easier location.

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## There's No Place Like Home!



Do you ever find yourself wanting to take a vacation but cannot justify the expense or time it would require? How often do we leave our homes in search of the perfect escape only to find ourselves needing a vacation from the vacation? Some of the best vacations in life can be those spent right in your own backyard.

The following are a few ideas to get your stay-at-home vacation started ASAP!

- Treat yourself to a new set of luxury sheets. Sometimes the best part of a vacation is SLEEP! For the cost of a couple nights in a nice hotel, you have the opportunity to sleep great all year.
- Tell everyone you know that you are on vacation and then don't answer the phone. Yes you may be at home, but the point is that you are taking a break.
- Just like you prepare for a vacation, make a plan of what you would

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5. Once you do create a nice system for yourself, be sure to work at it a little each day to maintain it. If everything has a place and everything is put into its place, your organized space will stay organized for many years to come.

6. If getting organized still seems too overwhelming to resolve alone, call upon the services of a professional organizer or ask a trusted friend to assist you in the process.

like to do during your week off. If you are in need of a relaxing vacation, maybe plan on purchasing a few books you haven't had a chance to read and a new hammock for the backyard. Perhaps you love to shop, take time to discover the wonderful shops in your area. Check out the local event calendar for a list of plays and entertainment available as well. Make sure to include an activity that every family member would enjoy and take the time to do the things you have always wanted to do but never have time to accomplish.

- No home improvement projects allowed! This is a time for rest, so take a break and enjoy!

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