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STORAGE :

40 ways to get sorted

THESE CLEVER OUT-OF-THE-BOX STORAGE
IDEAS WILL HELP YOU RESTORE ORDER
IN THE MOST STYLISH WAYS POSSIBLE

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HOME LIFE BECOMES a lot easier with good storage. Schoolbags cease to be a trip hazard at the front door, the world's largest Lego/Meccano collection is corralled to a portion of one room only and the remote stays forever found. Clearing up becomes much quicker and easier, and even the bills are paid on time – because you know exactly where to find them. Follow our 40 fabulous, room-by-room tips to get instantly organised.

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hallway

1 Hanging schoolbags on sturdy wall hooks keeps them off the floor and ensures they're returned to the same spot every day. "Just make sure you position hooks at a child-friendly height," says Natalie Morey of The Lifestylers Group.

2 Put a stylish hamper with a washable cotton insert near the front door; it can then become a dump bin for smelly sports gear that can be moved en masse to the laundry.

3 Swamped with daily debris? The right furniture can give everything a designated place, says Rachel Zehner of A Place For Everything. "Hall tables with drawers are great when teamed with a decorative bowl or tray on top for coats and keys," she says. "Another option is a console with open shelves and a basket for each family member for stashing various items."

4 Utilise the space under internal stairs with custom cabinetry. "Enclose the area with doors and add shelves to create a hidden alcove for storing school stuff, wet-weather gear and sports equipment," suggests Sorted Space's Dayna Howard.

5 A bench seat with boxes or chic storage containers underneath works particularly well in busy households, advises Ikea's Christine Gough. "Locating it by the front door also prevents clutter spreading to the main area of the home," she says.



6 Hallway storage is all about what you need to grab on your way in or out of the house. "If you're short on space, try a simple key rest like the one from Work Shop Objects," says interior designer Georgia Cannon. "For long walls, I love Shaker-style peg rails that can store hats, umbrellas, bags - and display artwork on the shelf above." >

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Bride And Wolfe circle shelf, \$690, Cranmore Home.



'Sprutt' cabinet, \$149, Ikea.



'X' hanger, \$139, Design For Use.



Vintage wall hooks in White Wash, \$39.95, Bed Bath N' Table. Stockists, page 212



7 In-trays are a must in any home office, as they provide a designated place to organise paperwork into separate groups such as mail, bills to pay and documents to action, explains The Lifestylers Group's Natalie Morey. "Choose a colour that complements your decor or add texture by patting with a timber, wire or leather-look tray," she says.

8 Only have space for an office corner? Consider converting an old wardrobe into a workstation, suggests Natalie. "Remove the existing hanging rail and shelves and, with the help of someone handy, install a desk with floating shelves above," she says. "When it's not in use, you can close the doors and hide all of the paperwork."

9 If your home office doubles as a craft room, use a vertical file system to colour-code craft papers. Store rolls of gift wrap in a tall wire basket and fix a pegboard to the wall to hang your tools.

10 "Divide and conquer bits and bobs with simple inner-drawer organisers or timber cutlery trays," suggests Rachel Zehner of A Place For Everything. "This will keep items such as scissors, staplers and pens in order and readily accessible at all times."

11 Look for interesting storage pieces to make your functional items display-worthy. Cool shelves such as the hanging bookcase from Plyroom and the book hanger from Design For Use (see Storage Saviours, above right) are a great way to both store books and present them in an eye-catching way, suggests Karen Akers of Designed by Karen Akers.

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Book hanger, \$189/
small, Design For Use.



'Kallax' desk
combination
in White,
\$129, Ikea.



'Svenska Hem
Stilla' wire basket,
\$24.95, Kildri.K.



Vitra
'Uten.Silo
' wall-
mounted
storage,
\$650, Space
Furniture.



'Peggy' pegboard, from
\$195, Plyroom.



Metallics add a touch
of glamour to this work
area; (above left) filing
systems bring order to
any office.

12 When you're pushed for space, use the wall to free up your desktop. "I love the 'Uten.Silo F' wall organiser by Dorothee Becker for Vitra [see Storage Saviours, opposite]," says Shana Danon of Organised Clutter. "It has myriad moulded vertical containers to hold everything from notebooks to tablets." >



If your office area shares a living space, opt for storage pieces that work with the room's aesthetic, as in this design by Rowlands Associates Inc.

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Robert Gordon 'Rack' letter holder, \$29.95, Cranmore Home.

Muuto 'Restore' basket in Grey, \$150, Lilly & Lolly.



'Kvissle' letter tray in White, \$34.99, Ikea.

'Bucco' frame box in Natural, \$39.95, Freedom Stockists, page 212

