

now's the time to get
your stuff under
control. here, we offer
STYLISH STORAGE
solutions for every
corner of the house.

**get
organized!**



a tisket, a tasket

Weave some order into your life with baskets. Above left, "Sensar" woven nesting baskets, \$50 set of 3, from Crate & Barrel. Above right, "Papyrus" rattan file box on metal stand with shelf, \$125, from Pier 1 Imports. Rug, from Smith & Noble. Opposite, prevent dreaded paper slump in your home office with a smart desk and accessories. Birch with birch veneer "Bill Peyer's Desk" with removable letter carrier, file drawers and fold-down desk, \$349; hand-woven "Apple Picking Ladder" holds books, videos and DVDs, \$120, both from Ström. "Muir" desk chair on wheels, \$206, from Karell. "Sedwaping" copper floor lamp with kraft paper shade, \$149, from Crate & Barrel. Rug, from Smith & Noble. Woven wood shade, from Hunter Douglas Window Fashions.



"Vivace" rattan wine rack, \$35, from Ström.

"120 Webpage" storage unit, made of polycarbonate, \$80, designed by Robert Jacoby for Ström.

Two colors: \$75, from Ström. "Space" wire bin, \$50, from Resource International.



bright ideas

Functional doesn't have to mean dull. Here, furniture in cheerful colors helps you find a place for everything and opens up your space. Opposite, birch plywood benchbox with upholstered seat, \$299, from Off, provides the perfect spot for everything from books to books. "Kartini" wooden cotterbox with shelf, \$40, from Ikea. Rattan storage basket with lid, \$8, from HomeGoods. Heavy metal bin (perfect for recyclables), \$25, from The Container Store. Shag rug, from Smith & Noble. Above left, out of sight, out of mind—stash your stuff (socks, sweaters and more) in covered cubbies. "Cubo" wood shelving unit, with nylon drawers in assorted colors, \$149 per cube, from Lazzar. "Dolly" folding chair, \$195, from Karell. Picture frames, from Umbra. Above right, "Papyrus" photo file boxes, \$11 each; letter boxes, \$9 each, all from Resource International. "Lakovich" wooden TV bench with adjustable shelves, \$89, from Ikea. Rug, from Smith & Noble.



"Widgeon" refrigerator/freezer storage bins, \$10-\$15, all from Resource.

"Cubero" (black) nesting bin in wicker and orange, \$25 set of 3, from The Container Store, perfect for hats, scarves and gloves.

Get a hobby? Stash your sewing tools or painting supplies in the "Muir" can on wheels, \$179, from Karell.

A complete gift-wrap center: "Wid" of Card storage bin, \$15, from Resource. Store bags, scissors and boxes in detachable bin.



follow the
natural order
of things



come clean
with handy
storage ideas

heavy metal

Opposite, you'll get a crisp, clean look when you settle on metal in the laundry room. Steel wire shelving, galvanized steel tilt bins, small \$29 each, large \$39; mobile laundry sorter on wheels, \$139; "Stone Harbor" laundry basket with leather handles, \$69, all from Hold Everything. Above left, stacked steel is stronger—and stores more stuff. Galvanized steel storage tower on wheels with frosted glass cabinet, \$193, from The Container Store. "Baxter" toilet paper canister, \$29, from Hold Everything. Bath towels, from Grand Patrician. Trash can and bath rug, from Bed Bath & Beyond. Above right, stainless steel two-tier dish rack with utensil holder, \$100, from Gourmet Standard. "Staccato" salad plates, \$9 each; dinner plates, \$12 each; "Pacific" double old-fashioned and highball glasses, \$7 each, all from Crate & Barrel. "Spire" stainless 20-piece set, \$50, from Gourmet Settings. Striped dish towel, from Anthropologie. For more info, see page 670.

neat tricks

So you want to get organized. Where to begin? Ask yourself which disorganized area causes you the most stress, says Ann T. Sullivan, founder of ATS Organizing Services (atsorganizing.com). Then you'll know what to take on first, whether it's an unruly closet or your kitchen cabinets. Sullivan offers these tips for getting started: **TAKE INVENTORY.** You don't need two coffeemakers or two blenders—in fact, you don't need more than one of any household appliance. Anything you got as a wedding gift should replace your old one.

BE RUTHLESS. If you haven't worn something in two years, toss it. Ask yourself, "How likely am I to wear this again?" If it has special meaning (the dress you wore when you got your first job, your lucky shoes), take a picture, then give the item away.

GET CREATIVE. If you're a collector, you can do more than just stash your stuff. Try displaying your beloved album covers, old concert ticket stubs or playbills by framing them, making a collage or laminating them and using them as place mats.

BE KIND TO YOUR PHOTOS. When you get photos developed, get rid of the bad pictures, separate the negatives from the photos and put your pictures in an album.

NAIL YOUR MAIL. Don't even allow junk mail in your home. Sort your mail over the outdoor trash can, then bring the rest inside.



Wooden retractable drying rack with shelf, \$158, from The Groundwork Group. Hand towels, from Grand Patrician.