

Spring Into Style

with Gacek Design Group



Presentation for the Residents of 77 Hudson

Part 1:
Storage & organizational solutions
for small spaces

The Top Five Strategies for De-cluttering

Strategy #1

Contain the Chaos

No one likes to look at clutter, but everyone enjoys seeing colorful or interesting storage containers.

Embrace the fact that you may have a lot of stuff in a defined amount of space.

Storage containers don't have to be clear and plastic, they can be anything that reflects your style: wicker or fabric baskets, decorative boxes and interesting containers.



Strategy #2

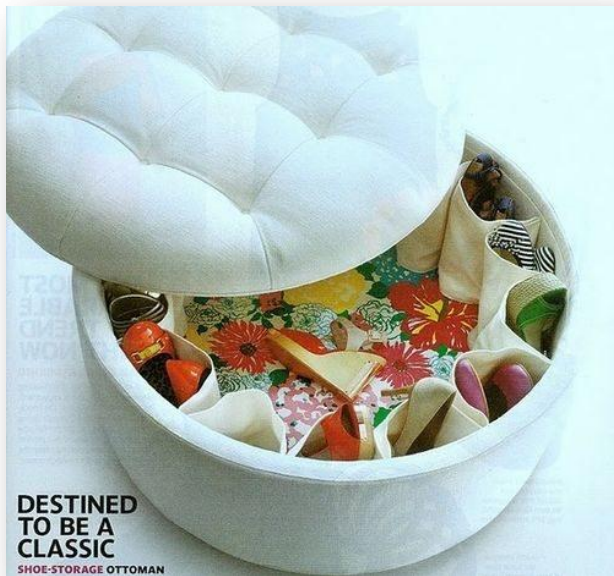
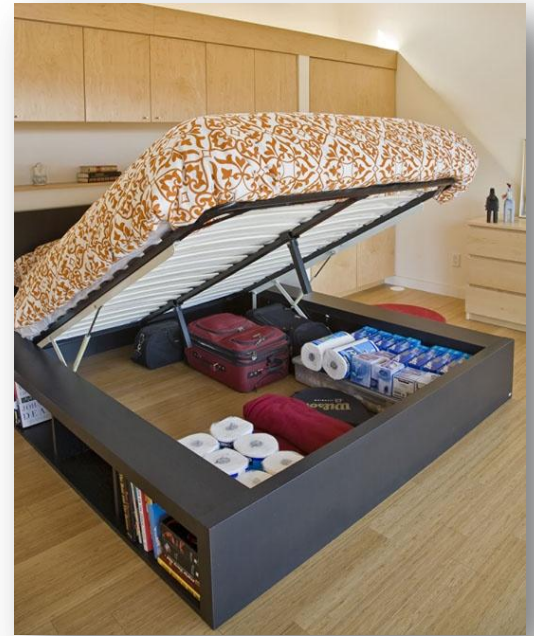
Think of Furniture Differently

Furniture that serves a dual purpose, such as storage, is an organized homes best kept secret.

Storage ottomans offer both seating and a place to store blankets, sheets, books or even important documents.

More and more we're seeing beds that are made with drawers underneath for storage. If you already love your bed and don't want to trade it in, measure the height from the bottom of the bed to the floor, as well as the width of the entire space, and look for storage bins that will fit underneath.

For bedside tables that offer more storage, think about looking for one with shelves and/or drawers. Another idea would be to use a set of nesting tables or small scaled console table.





Strategy #3

Going Up

When organizing, we tend to just think of using our floor or other surface for getting our homes in order.

For a smaller space, you need to “think vertical”.

Could you hang shelves above your desk for extra books, papers or pictures?. What about displaying your wines on a vertical wall rack?

No room for a large bookcase? Try “floating” bookshelves, or even a “staircase” storage option.

If countertop space is a premium in the kitchen, magnetic spice jars offer a great solution.



Strategy #4

A Little Goes a Long Way

(This is my personal favorite!)

With our lives being so busy, we think that we just don't have time to organize our homes.

Everyone can find 10-15 minutes in their day to focus on at least one small space or project.

By working this way, the prospect of getting your home in order is much less daunting.

By the end of the week, you will be well on your way to a more serene space!

Strategy #5

Let It Go

Chances are you don't need most of the papers that you're keeping — shred them.

If you haven't worn that sweater for three years, donate it.

Clearing out even a few items will make you feel calmer.

Sort the things you are getting rid of into categories (e.g., toss, recycle, donate, give to friend, put in deep storage), then let them go.

5 Things NOT to Do When Organizing Your Home:

Buy First; Organize Second

Don't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew

When It's Done, It's Done

Keep the Dream Alive

Let It Be (Organized)

Part 2:

Storage & organizational solutions for kids play spaces & bedrooms

Loft Beds

Shelving Options

Baskets, Bins & Labeling

Hiding the Clutter

Opportunities for Built-Ins

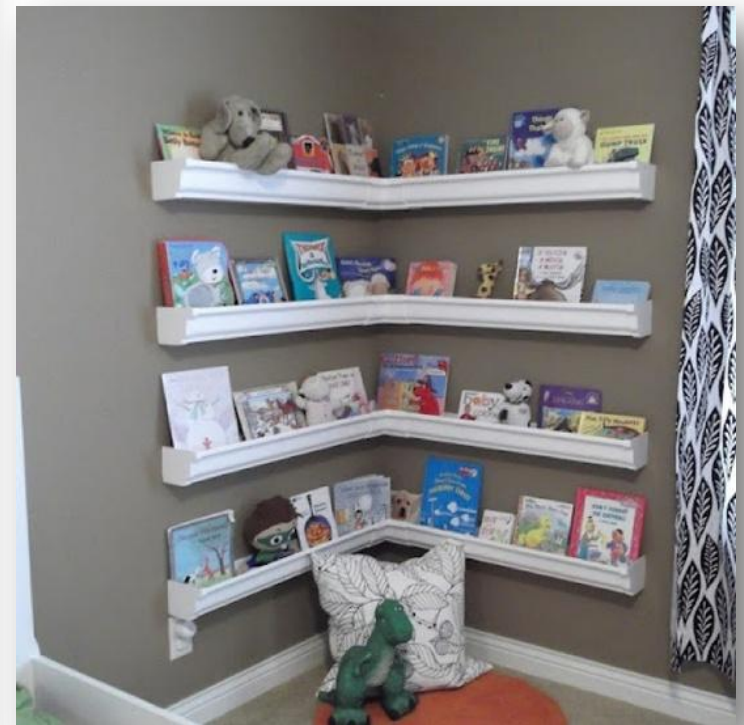
Loft Beds

Custom loft beds allow for a fun sleeping space as well as a cozy study and play area (also incorporates “Thinking Vertically”)



Shelving

When space is at a premium, instead of bookcases, use wall shelving to organize. Book covers work double time by adding an element of art to room.



Baskets, Bins & Labeling

Baskets and bins that are labeled not only help kids spaces stay organized, they can add instant style.



Hiding the Clutter

Disguising the mess goes hand in hand with bins and baskets, but also utilizes the furniture as storage option.



Opportunities for Built-Ins

Large or small, playroom or bathroom, built-ins can be instant space savers.



Opportunities for Built-Ins

