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OK, well, I know organization isn't really decorating,
now is it? But, let's face it, what good is all the
effort
to create a nice home when it's hidden behind the mess
and the clutter? So in order to help us all prevail
over
the chaos, here are some great hints for putting
everything
in its place! (On a budget, of course!)

The number one way to reduce clutter and mess? Deal
with
things as they occur, don't save it for later! File the
mail (or throw it away) as soon as it comes out of the
mailbox! Don't step over a small mess thinking you'll
do
the whole room later. Get the idea?

File your paperwork. Make a file/correspondence box
with
file folders. I just covered a sturdy cardboard box
with
some contact paper, turned it on its side, and glued a
piece of miniature picket fence (cut out of leftover
foam
core) onto the front to hold in the bills! You could
save
lightweight cardboard for dividers, make a "to pay"
file

and a "to keep" file, and perhaps a school file for the kids, and whatever else fits your household!

Hide stuff! Yes, there are times when we don't want our living room to look like Disneyland! Floor length cloths on the end tables are a great place to shove a toy box or unusually shaped toys when not needed. If you have open shelving or a pantry area, consider sewing a gathered curtain

panel to cover clutter. Install it with a spring-tension curtain rod, tie it on with ribbon, or try my favorite, velcro stick-on tabs!

Organize your kitchen logically, and not only will you reduce clutter, you'll save time and energy! Place items in cupboards near the area where you normally use them. For instance, spices near the stove, everyday dishes near the dishwasher, cutting board and knives near the sink – you get the idea! Use small boxes turned upside-down to make higher "shelves" in the back of your spice cabinet.

You don't have to buy expensive storage cubes for your kids' rooms! Covered boxes, sewn drawstring bags from extra material, even an old suitcase under the bed make good storage. A wall of simple metal-strip utility shelving (they sell it in white, as well) can accommodate a large amount of stuff, especially for the older kids, and is relatively cheap at home improvement stores. I save old baby-wipe containers to store crayons, hot wheels, and that endless supply of useless toys from the fast food joints! You can cover them with contact paper. Try labeling what goes where, even for the older kids, so there is no arguing about what "putting it away" really means!

Finally, attack one area at a time. Try to fit in a little re-organizing each day, and you'll be recognizing that creative décor you lost in the clutter again soon!

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Creativity And The Jack Of All Trades

By Angie Dixon

You may be familiar with the saying, "Jack of all trades and master of none."

Well, I say, "Hooey." That's right. In fact, let me say it again. "Hooey."

It is perfectly possible to be a multipassionate person and do several things well. Many, even. I'm a writer, a mother, a photographer, a friend, an entrepreneur. Sometimes not all at the same time, but I do them all, and do them all well.

But I think one reason many people can't do many things well, or think other people can't, is a lack of creativity.

It takes a lot of gumption to juggle two small kids, a deadline on an article, a pan of spaghetti, and a friend who wants to talk about a problem at work.

It takes even more gumption, and creativity, to juggle five projects, and those same two kids and that same friend.

Sometimes the creativity is required to figure out how you can manage one thing later. "Jack, I know you want to show your new game to me right now, but actually, I've been asleep for about an hour. Could we do it in the morning?"

Sometimes the creativity is figuring out how to handle two projects at once. "Hmmm. If I write an article on creativity AND writing, I could use it in my writing ezine AND my creativity ezine.

Sometimes the creativity is in finding a sensitive way to say, "I can't right now." "Samantha, I know you want to play badminton. I have an abscessed tooth and can't move my head. How about Old Maid on the bed instead?"

And sometimes the creativity is just in remembering that these are people, things and situations you

love and want to enjoy, and then going and enjoying them.

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