

B.A.N.I.S.H Your Clutter

Break it down

When you first decide to declutter any area of your home. It can seem really overwhelming. But, you know what? It's totally doable!

Break down the organization into small steps and it won't seem so scary. Start with your most disorganized room and just tackle one area at a time. Once you've finished that, everywhere else will feel like a breeze.

Assess what you have

The next step is to take a look at what you have in the space you are organizing and ruthlessly purge. Sort your possessions into three separate piles: "Keep", "Donate" and "Trash". Make sure to discard anything that is broken or in poor condition. **Only keep items you love and use regularly.** Donate all other items.

Nix bad habits

We all have bad habits that cause the build-up of clutter. Do you hold onto items you never use because of guilt or sentimentality? Maybe, you have a tough time passing up a sale and buy things you never actually use.

Holding onto stuff because it was expensive won't bring the money back. Buying items you never use because they are cheap just wastes money. Donate or sell things you no longer want to make a little of that cash back. Save any money you've earned, add it to your emergency fund or use it to pay off debt.

If you truly want to keep your home organized, you need to cut bad practices out. To do this, be aware of your habits and **all the reasons you hold on to clutter.**

Involve family

To **banish clutter** from your home, you need to consider everyone else that occupies that space. Make sure you think about their habits, as well as, their storage needs and create a suitable organization system.

Label everything you organize. Just because you know where something is stored, doesn't mean anyone else will. Your family needs to know where exactly to find things and, more importantly, how to put them back.

Storage is key

Pay attention to where your clutter hotspots are and think about what causes them. Proper storage is the key to an organized home. Ensure that EVERYTHING has a home. Otherwise, you'll find yourself leaving things around just because you don't know where to put them.

Use a variety of storage containers and keep items close to where they will be used the most. Make your organization system easy so that everyone can maintain it without difficulty.

Hang in there!

Banishing clutter from your home is not something you do once. It's an ongoing process that you always need to keep an eye on. If you find a particular area becomes messy fast, change up your organization method for that space. As you grow and evolve, so must your organization. You may find that what once worked, no longer does today and that's totally okay. Switch it up as necessary.