

BRIGHT IDEAS

30 DAY DECLUTTER CHALLENGE

ENTRYWAY

It plays a big part in the first impression guests have of your home. Manage entryway clutter like keys, papers, and shoes to create a welcoming space.

DAY 01 Add baskets to entryway tables for necessary items, and hang shelves or hooks to hold keys and bags.

DAY 02 Use a storage bench to contain overflow and provide a seat for putting on shoes.

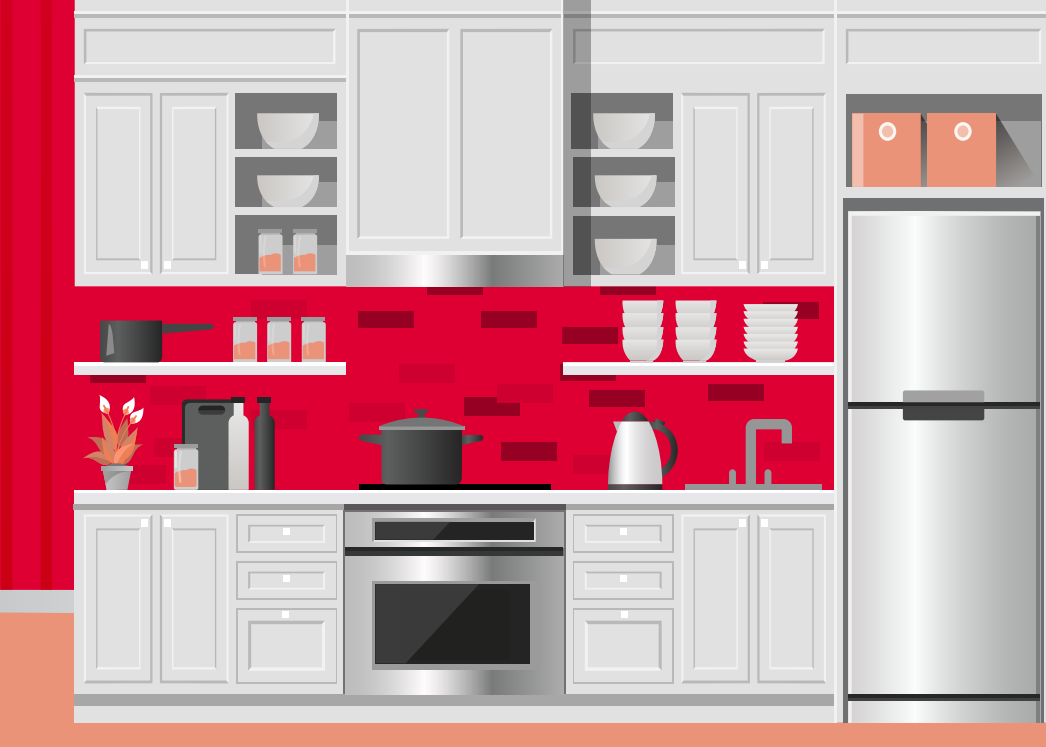
DAY 03 Coat trees and wall hooks eliminate piles of outerwear.

DAY 04 **FOCUS ON FLOORS.** Welcome mats so that it doesn't get tracked through the house.



KITCHEN

Keep the kitchen clean and neat for an inviting area that makes you want to gather.



DAY 05 Clear the counters, only leaving out things you use every day.

DAY 06 Tackle cabinets and drawers, keeping only enough place settings for your family & a few extras.

DAY 07 Arrange pantry items by grouping like items in baskets and placing items with labels facing out to make them easy to spot.

DAY 08 Freshen up the fridge and freezer, tossing expired items and using containers that fit neatly on shelves.

LIVING ROOM

Let your couch, chairs, and accent tables do all the talking. Avoid getting bogged down in magazines, books, and toys.

DAY 09 Corral all your cords with cable caddies and cable zippers to avoid a tangled mess.

DAY 11 Create a separate area for toys and games to keep the rest of the room relaxed and serene.

DAY 13 Rethink your coffee table by opting for one with built-in storage, or space to place storage cubes underneath.

DAY 10 Clear every flat surface of brochures, magazines, and newspapers, and stow necessary items in file cabinets or baskets instead.

DAY 12 Make creative use of empty space like the area behind the couch by placing shelves to store things out of the way.



BEDROOM

Stop staying awake late into the night staring at that cluttered closet. It's time to whip your bedroom into tip-top shape.

DAY 14 Choose nightstands with lamps and books with drawers for added storage.

DAY 15 Dump out dresser drawers. Dust them out, and organize everything by item type.

DAY 16 Get rid of any accessories you haven't used or worn in a year.

DAY 17 Clear out the closet by emptying everything on the floor, sorting it, and storing items you want to keep under the bed.



DAY 18 Declutter flat surfaces. They are catch-alls in every room and disrupt visual harmony.

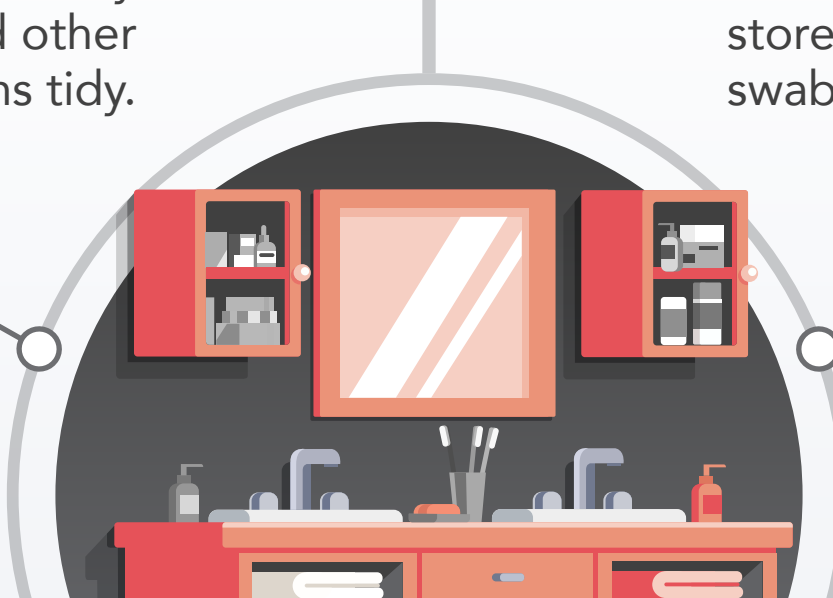
BATHROOM

Beauty products and styling tools can quickly create a mess, covering countertops and overflowing out of drawers and cabinets.

DAY 19 Go through vanity drawers. Wipe them out, and add drawer trays to keep bobby pins, hair ties and other loose items tidy.

DAY 20 Invest in an attractive set of bathroom accessories, including canisters or apothecary jars, to store loose cotton swabs or cotton balls.

DAY 21 Use narrow spaces to add slim shelving units to hold linens, soaps, and shampoos.



DAY 22 Add caddies, pegboards, and hooks to the backs of vanity and cupboard doors to hold grooming tools.

HOME OFFICE

Whether you work from home or use the office to pay bills, decluttering lets you create a space that looks sleek and maximizes productivity.



DAY 23 Go through all the paper in your office, including the junk drawer, and shred it, file it, or act on it.

DAY 24 Create a color-coded filing system so you can find important papers at a glance.

DAY 25 Clear your desk top, only keeping essentials within reach and storing everything else in a drawer or cabinet.

DAY 26 Label all cables for easy access, and use cable caddies and zippers to keep them tidy.

DAY 27 Use vertical space for shelving, whiteboards, and other organizational essentials.

GARAGE

The garage can either be jammed with junk or a great space to use as a workshop or for extra storage.

DAY 28

Start with a basic cleaning. Sweep or vacuum the floor, watching for loose nails and other small parts.

DAY 29

Divide storage into zones — tools, storage, car supplies — and put everything in the right zone.

DAY 30

Use vertical space to hang awkward items, and install cabinets to store chemicals like wiper fluid & fertilizer.

