

LORI GREINER: INVENTOR, ORGANIZER, AND ENTREPRENEUR Tips to Organize Your Life

“Organization truly affects your state-of-mind. In today’s chaotic world, it’s important to make your home into a peaceful oasis and take advantage of this one aspect of your life that can easily be controlled.”- Lori Greiner

For Every Room in the House:

- Keep focused and select one area at a time. Tackle the room from beginning to end before jumping into another.
- Don’t hesitate, eliminate. Take a day or even a few hours to review what you need and what you really don’t.
- Buy smart. Furniture should have storage areas where possible. This will efficiently maximize space.
- Get a filing cabinet! Everyone needs one to organize bills, important documents, photos, magazine clippings, etc.
- Multipurpose organizers are key. Use organizers that can hold multiple types of products together such as shoes and belts instead of one or the other.

Conquering the Closet:

- Hold your own yearly fashion show and try on every garment. Separate pieces into three piles: keep, donate and throw away. One person’s trash is another’s treasure.
- **Put your closet on a diet.** Only keep hangers that are thinner than ¼ inch thick. Thick hangers take up way too much space.
- Live in the Season! Only use one season’s worth of clothing and products at a time, placing out of season items in the back of the closet or in storage.
- Vertical storage is optimal. Using vertical organizers allows you to store the maximum amount of belongings in the smallest amount of space.
- Group essentials in both closets and drawers by color and style. It will look beautiful and you will be able to see what you have at a glance.

Battling the Bathroom Blitz:

- Makeup and medicine doesn’t last forever- get rid of expired medicines and products you haven’t used.
- Get an organizer that arranges cosmetics in groupings – all lipsticks, eye shadows, and pencils together. Ensure they are standing up so you can quickly see the name or color.
- Arrange medicines in a neat and uniform way. Keep products that treat similar symptoms together.

Keeping up with the Kitchen Chaos:

- If it’s expired, it’s to be retired. Check the expiration on all foods. Throw out all out of date items.
- Counters should always be clear. Having cleared counter space makes the room appear bigger and much more organized.
- Drawers are important. Sort drawers so that every item is visible at first glance.
- Organize canned goods by type so that you can easily see what you have in stock. This will make meal assembly and grocery shopping much easier.

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