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HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR KITCHEN & KEEP IT THAT WAY

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Let's get honest here. Your kitchen is more than likely the messiest, most cluttered room in your home. It's the room where you make breakfast each morning, prepare school lunches, cook dinner, and normally have the kids do their homework; no wonder it's so hard to keep clean! But the key to a cluttered kitchen is simply organization. To help, we have thought of some great ways to organize your kitchen that will keep you sane with your head on straight.

First things first, go out and grab clear large containers or jars. Transfer all of your baking ingredients, such as flour, sugar, brown sugar, etc., each in their own container. Not only will this help you when shuffling through all those cardboard boxes to find one item, but it will also make your pantry and cabinets look uniform. Feel free to do this with your cereal and snacks as well. It gives off a very organized look. But don't forget to label them! We suggest using some reusable chalkboard labels. They're functional and cute! Typically, there is enough room underneath the last shelf in the pantry to use it as storage, but what would you really want to put on the floor? Instead, fill a large basket with baking pans and accessories and slide it underneath. Then, turn around and place a wire shower caddy on the pantry door to hold all your spices. (Shoe racks and sink caddies work well too.) You want to use every inch of your pantry possible. That's why we also suggest putting Lazy Susans in the corner of every pantry shelf and any odd cabinet corners. Having the ability to use those hard-to-reach corners will change your kitchen game forever.

We also have a couple organization tips that will add to your kitchen's appearance. We're sure you've noticed the dish soap bottle, the regular soap bottle, and the sponge can sometimes create a mess around the sink. It might get so bad to the point that it's hiding mildew buildup or rust. To fix that problem, place a cute, decorative cake stand next to the sink with a dry

dish towel on it and put the soap bottles and sponge on top. Go ahead and get that cute matching tray, because you'll need some place to keep your mail that just piles up. If you contain it all in one tray, it at least looks like it's organized and won't be all over your counters.

Our last kitchen organization tip is to hang your mugs. Grab some sturdy hooks from the local hardware store and attach them to either underneath the cabinets so you can show them off or underneath a shelf inside the cabinet, which will purely just save you room. This always has an adorable look to it, and we always suggest it for kitchens with little cabinet or storage space.

Hopefully, these organization tips and tricks will keep your kitchen less cluttered and maybe even give it a nicer appeal. The number one rule to an organized room is to make sure everything has a place where it belongs. Keep that in mind, and you're golden!

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