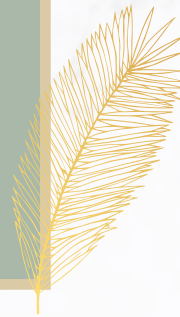
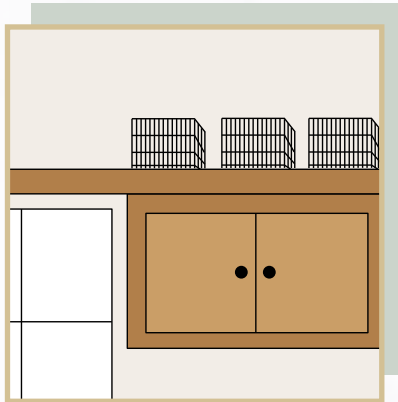
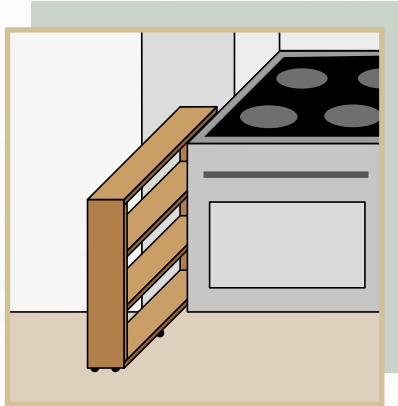


HOW TO ORGANISE YOUR HOME, ROOM BY ROOM



If you sometimes find it a struggle to organise your home, this guide is for you. We've put together a host of interior design suggestions that will help you to keep each room neat and tidy with minimal effort. Whether you're tired of kitchen clutter or you're forever tripping over toys in your lounge, you'll find lots of handy pointers right here.

KITCHEN



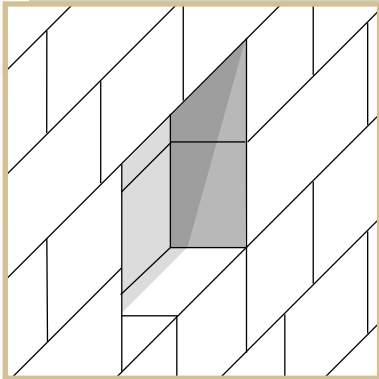
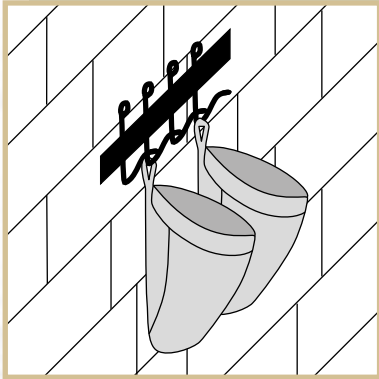
It might be a cliché, but a well-planned kitchen really can be the heart of the home. To help you keep yours organised, here are some simple but effective design tips.

- » Take advantage of the narrow gap between kitchen units or appliances by fitting a pull-out spice rack.
- » Use plastic boxes in deep cabinets to keep items such as your table linen and placemats organised.
- » Save counter space by ditching your knife block and utensil container in favour of a wall-mounted magnetic strip.
- » Include a hollow kitchen island to create precious extra storage space.
- » Use wire storage baskets on top of your units for items that won't fit in your cupboards.

TOP TIP

Invest in a step stool so you can reach your baskets easily.

BATHROOM



Keeping all those cosmetics, lotions, towels and more in order can be tricky, especially in small bathrooms. But armed with the following suggestions, you won't struggle to keep even the most bijou bathroom neat and tidy.

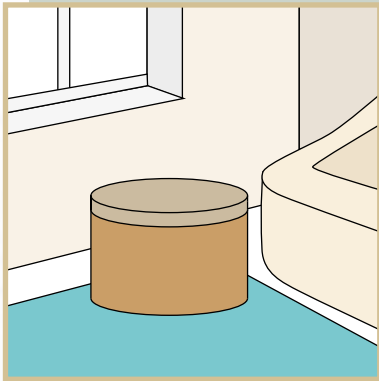
- » Fit a shower caddy for bottles, soaps and sponges.
- » Slot in a slimline portable bathroom storage unit to house everything from toilet rolls to toothbrushes.
- » Hang a mirrored bathroom cabinet for a stylish and practical two-in-one storage solution.

TOP TIP

Go large. A sizable unit will not only offer plenty of storage, but it will also give your bathroom a brighter, more spacious look.

- » If you don't have space for fitted wall cabinets, use hanging baskets to hide the clutter.
- » Carve out extra storage space with recessed shelves - perfect for candles, bath lotions and more.

LIVING ROOM

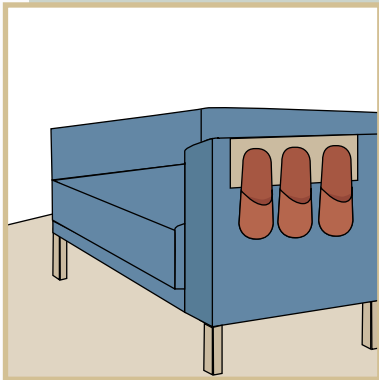


Remote controls wedged between sofa cushions, newspapers covering coffee tables, toys strewn across the floor. If this sounds anything like your living room, these design suggestions may help.

- » Keep toys tidy and out of sight with stackable boxes.

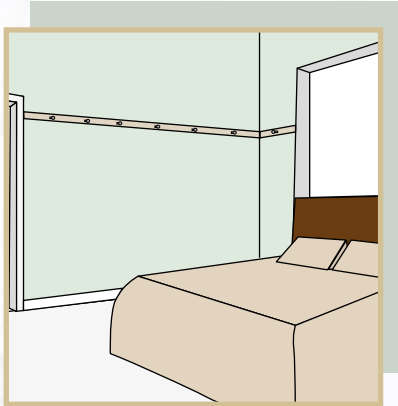
TOP TIP

To bring some added personality to your lounge, go for brightly coloured boxes.



- » Use a storage ottoman to hide away newspapers, magazines, remote controls and more.
- » Install a couch shelf that you can rest plants, books and other items on.
- » Integrate storage baskets and bins into your shelves so you've got somewhere to organise small items.
- » Enjoy total convenience and a tidier living space with a handy couch caddy.

BEDROOM

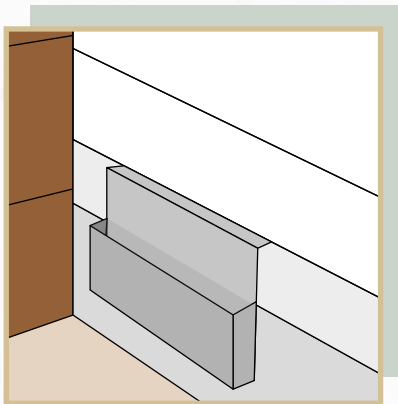


Does your bedroom sometimes feel more like an obstacle course than a tranquil space where you can sink into restful slumber? From clothes piled up on the floor to bedside tables swamped with books and tech, these rooms have a tendency to clutter up quickly. But with a little careful planning, you can get around this problem.

- » Fit wall hooks to keep bags, scarves, hats and coats off the floor.
- » Use the space under your bed to store large plastic boxes filled with your spare linen and other non-essentials.

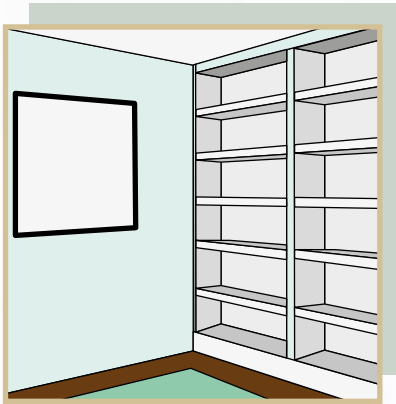
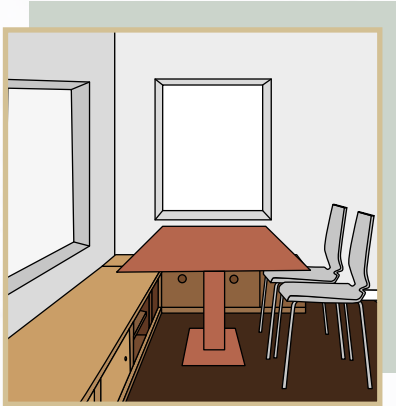
TOP TIP

Choose boxes with lids to stop dust getting in.



- » Keep your glasses, books and tech devices in a caddy to prevent your bedside table from becoming cluttered.
- » Use racking to showcase your shoes and keep them organised.
- » Squeeze in more storage with a stylish ottoman or bench at the foot of your bed.

DINING ROOM



Creating a dining room that's as functional as it is stylish can be a challenge, but there are some straightforward ways to maximise the utility of this space.

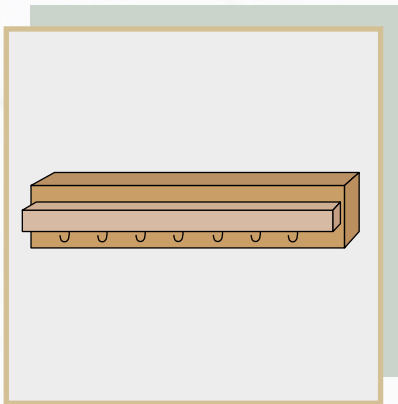
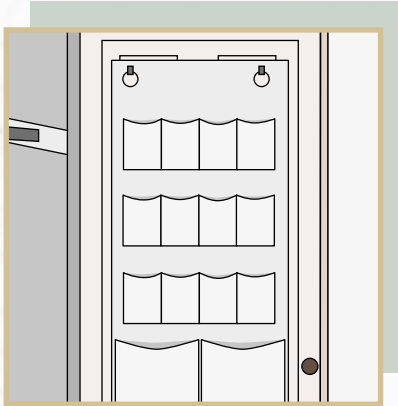
- » Introduce a dresser for the perfect combination of open shelving and out-of-sight storage.
- » Include hollow bench seating that doubles up as dining storage.

TOP TIP

Make sure you have plenty of cushions on the benches so you can dine in comfort.

- » Use floor-to-ceiling shelving to make the most of the available space.
- » If you don't have room for floor-standing shelving, pack in extra storage with wall-mounted shelves.
- » Go for an extendable dining table that gives you extra space when you're not eating.

HALLWAY



Your hallway is the first area that people see when they step through your front door, but these spaces often become a dumping ground for shoes and clutter. The following simple organising hacks should help you to avoid this interior design faux pas.

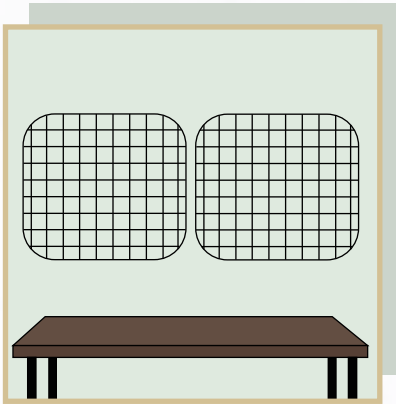
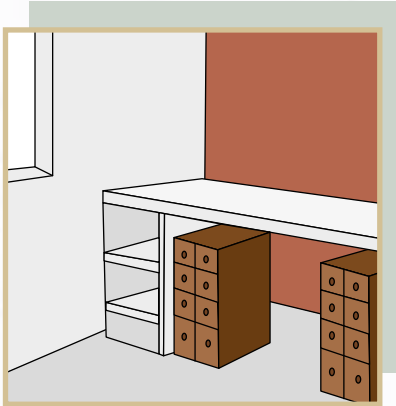
- » Use compact cubbies and baskets to stop the sprawl of shoes.

TOP TIP

Choose a unit with seating on top to give you a convenient place to sit when you're putting on your shoes.

- » Fit a hang-up space saver on the inside of a cupboard door to house gloves, hats, umbrellas and more.
- » Add some key storage, making sure it's away from your front door for security reasons.
- » Move jackets that you're not using this season elsewhere so your coat rack doesn't get overloaded.
- » Place a mail organising tray close to your door to stop letters piling up or getting lost.

STUDY



Your study should be a place of calm where you can concentrate and be as productive as possible - but it's hard to do this if you're drowning in paperwork or seem to spend half your time searching for misplaced files, computer cables or stationery. The good news is, there are some easy design solutions that will help you to ensure this doesn't happen.

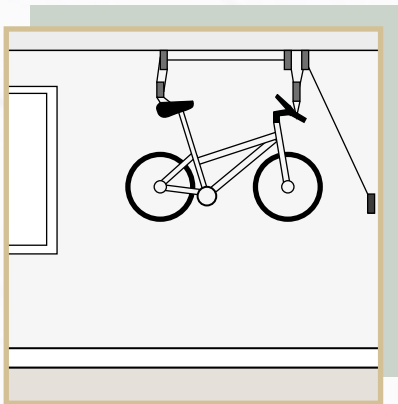
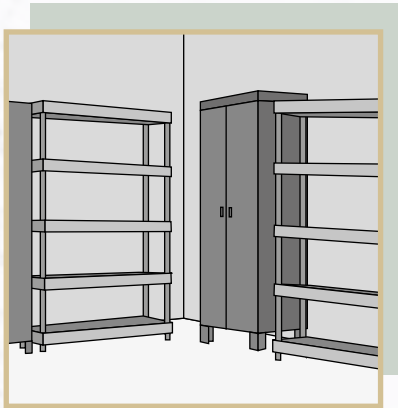
- » Choose a desk with built-in storage so that you keep your office essentials close at hand.
- » Create a shelving wall to give you plenty of space for your books and files.
- » Use a desk tidy for your stationery and paperwork to stop your desk from descending into chaos.

TOP TIP

Get into the habit of clearing your desk at the end of each day to keep it organised and looking smart.

- » Make the most of your floor space by incorporating under-desk storage solutions.
- » Hang a grid panel display above your desk to showcase a calendar, to-do lists and other useful accessories.

GARAGE



From spare tyres and tools to bikes and toys, garages offer that all-important extra storage for a host of household essentials. But if you're not careful, this part of your home could begin to look more like a scrapyard than a well-organised storage space. Avoid this scenario by paying attention to these pointers.

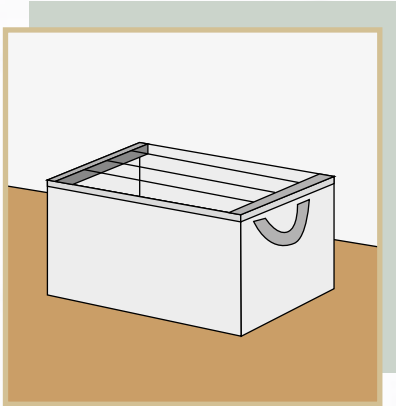
- » Include plenty of robust racking or shelving to keep your tools and supplies organised and easily accessible.

TOP TIP

Go for units with adjustable shelving to give you extra flexibility in terms of storage.

- » Use plastic boxes to categorise and separate your equipment, and to avoid clutter.
- » Incorporate high shelves to free up more floor space.
- » Install a wall-mounted tool holder to keep everything from your rake and spade to gardening gloves within easy reach.
- » Fit a hoist system to keep bikes off the ground and out of the way.

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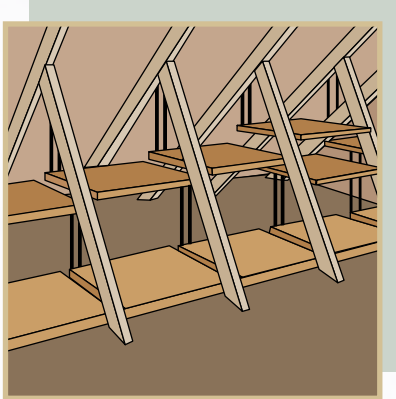


Do you dread having to go to your attic to hunt for that elusive winter jacket or crucial missing piece of paperwork? These spaces are notoriously difficult to organise, but we've put together a handful of tips to take the sting out of keeping your attic in check.

- » Store large plastic boxes on shelves or racks to make them easier to access - and make sure you label them.

TOP TIP

Use clear plastic boxes so you can see exactly what's in each one without having to open them.



- » Keep suspension files and documents in plastic boxes to protect them and prevent damage caused by damp.
- » Ensure you have good lighting to make searching for items easier.
- » Hang a rod to give you somewhere to quickly and easily store spare clothes.
- » Build storage solutions into the eaves to give you more usable space.

Thank you for reading our guide to organising your home.
We hope it's given you plenty of ideas to whip your rooms into shape.

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