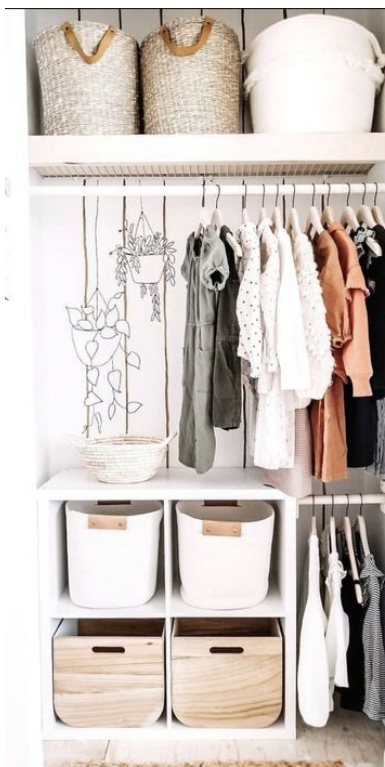




The SHIP SHAPE SHACK

Declutter, Clean & Organise Your Kitchen
Drawers in 15 Minutes or Less



THE KITCHEN DRAWER DILEMMA



Right this minute – put everything you’re doing now, aside and dedicate the next 15 minutes to declutter, organise & clean your kitchen drawers.

When the kitchen utility drawers become a cluttered repository of duplicate tools and useless gadgets, it can raise your blood pressure just to open it, let alone find what you’re looking for! Don’t fret – we have the fix! Today, I’m here to help you declutter one drawer in 15 minutes!

WHAT TO EXPECT

You are not taking a stroll down memory lane looking at all your items, and you are NOT re-organising either. Your focus is simply to empty each drawer and keep what you really need, donate or sell anything you have in multiples, recycle or throw out anything that is past its use.

Are you ready to change the clutter in your kitchen drawers right this minute? Put everything you’re doing now aside and dedicate the next 15 minutes to declutter your kitchen drawers. This is all about getting rid of items you don’t need or use, have too many (multiples), or are broken, in a 15-minute declutter burst.

1.

THE KITCHEN JUNK DRAWER

Reserve your kitchen drawers for kitchen items only. If a junk drawer is lurking in your kitchen, empty all items, discard the junk, and put the rest in a box and organise a home for those later. Clean the drawer with some natural non-toxic spray and dry with a tea towel. Now you have extra kitchen storage!

2.

THE CUTLERY DRAWER

Empty out your cutlery drawer! We often inherit bits and pieces or accumulate them when we lose something and replace it, only to find the old item later. So, we're going to cull the contents of your cutlery drawer before you rearrange it to see exactly what you're working with.

SORT CUTLERY INTO THREE GROUPS



The cutlery you like and use every day



The cutlery you've inherited, or you don't like the look of because it doesn't match anything else or is no longer used. For example, the baby feeding spoons that your youngest 6yo never uses.



Anything that's not cutlery

Clean the drawer with some natural non-toxic spray and dry with a tea towel. Knives, forks, spoons left-to-right. Forks on the left, followed by knives with blades facing inwards (or to the left), followed by spoons. It always makes sense to have the handles facing out and nearest to you, so that's what you grab hold of when taking them out.

3.

THE UTENSIL DRAWER

Empty out your utensil drawer – the one where all the ladles, wooden spoons, whisks, cake servers, spatulas, measuring spoons and all the other hundred depositories of do-dads live (likely all mishmashed together but can't keep organised). Include any utensils in the bunch that might be in a holder on your counter as well.

Pick up each piece and decide whether you really need/use it or not. If you can live without it, and it's in good condition, put it in your donation box. If you have three ladles, donate two. If you've used your garlic press exactly one time in 5-years, send it on its merry way! Be brutal. If you feel like you should keep something "just in case" put it in the donation box and reconsider at the end of the week and see if you actually miss it during this time.

Clean your drawer, dry with a tea towel and now put everything back. The utensil drawer can quickly get overly cluttered and messy with all of the odd shapes like egg whisks and wooden spoons, so it's very handy to have dividers here. If you don't have dividers, measure your drawer and grab one next time you're at the shops. Alternatively, purchase an adjustable divider that can fit to any size drawer.

4.

THE WRAP DRAWER

Kitchen wrap drawers are notoriously overcrowded, so now let's empty this bad boy! Empty the contents and remove anything that is not related to this drawer or if you have two or more of the one item, such as two rolls of foil and three of parchment paper, put those aside and find an alternative home for the excess stock.

Clean and dry your drawer and organise the items from right to left. I generally put long parchment, foil and plastic wrap boxes on the right, then position other items, such as beeswax wraps, oven mitts (I don't have a tea towel drawer so keep them in here) brown paper lunch bags next to the boxes. Use up every square in of space, but don't overcrowd the drawer.

5.

TEA TOWEL OR SPICE DRAWER

Do you have a spice or tea towel drawer? In my very small 2-bedroom apartment, my last kitchen drawer is reserved for spices and my tea towels live in the linen press. But no matter where you keep your kitchen linens, they aren't going to be all that helpful if you're organising them – or, technically, not organising them – in a dishevelled stack. After all, the whole point is to be able to grab a new one when you need it.

Pick up each towel or napkin and decide whether you're going to keep it or donate it or use it as a polishing rag. If it's torn or threadbare, it's time to get rid of it.

If you're storage space is scarce, you might like to relocate your tea towels to the linen press and create a spice drawer instead!

Kitchens are undeniably the heart and hub of the home. It's where meals are made which fuels the bodies, minds and souls of friends and families. There is something soothing about standing around and chatting about the day while food is being prepared or laughing together as you whip up something delicious. We should cherish the heart of the home and make it a priority to keep it clean, surfaces clear and cupboards and drawers clutter-free.

What are your biggest challenges when keeping your kitchen clutter-free? Join our [Facebook group](#) and let me know!

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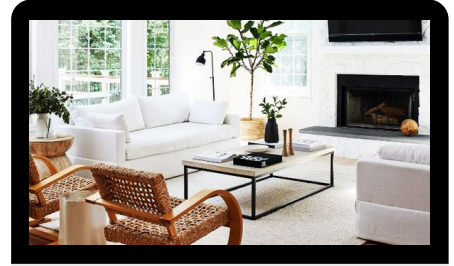
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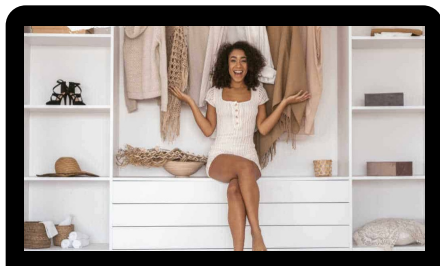
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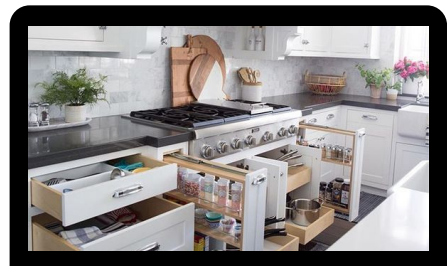
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