



THINK VERTICALLY

Filling your floor with bulky, unneeded storage solutions does the exact opposite of what you're trying to achieve. Take a look at your walls and ask yourself if built in, floor to ceiling, vertical storage is an option.





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MAKE IT A FEATURE

The hallway is an ideal place to store items that that need to be kept but aren't particularly pretty. Don't underestimate the usefulness of a beautiful sideboard for filing bills and storing household necessities like spare light bulbs, tool kits and stationery.

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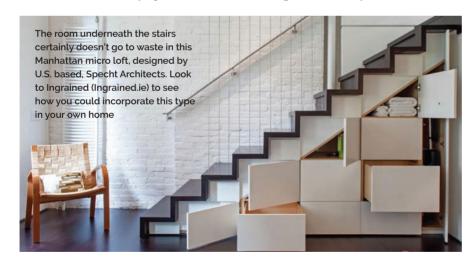
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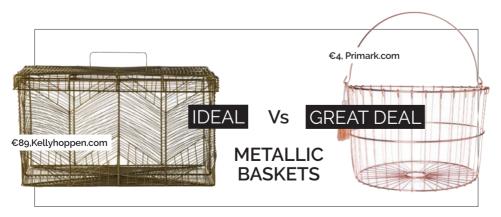
All-in-one furniture pieces that double, or even triple, up in function will be a godsend – particularly when it comes to tidying up kids' rooms quickly and furnishing small spaces.

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LOOK UNDER AND OVER

There are so many nooks and crannies that get overlooked in our homes. The space underneath the stairs is often home to a ground floor WC, but there are many other ways you can transform this area if storage is top priority. The space above entryways can also act as a handy space for extra shelving or cabinetry.







'GRAM WE LOVE athehomeedit

Ever wonder what top bloggers' and celebrities' houses look like, quite literally, behind closed doors? Well, thanks to this Nashville-based homeorganising duo, we know that they're (now!) immaculately organised and well-styled. This Instagram is straight-up satisfying to scroll and will give you tonnes of ideas when it comes to organising even the messiest shelves and cupboards.

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THINK OF DEPTH

Use deep drawers in place of lower cabinets. You can see everything you have at a glance. Half-depth units are also a clever use of space, rather than traditional full-depth. While good storage should keep things hidden and tidied away, even better storage is easier to access and shouldn't require a whole lot of rooting around, when you're looking to resurrect something.



ASK AN EXPERT

Lisa Johnston of Cillian Johnston Cabinet Makers says: "One thing we recommend is to avoid corner units. Yes, there are mechanisms available for the unit interior, but you still lose storage space. Before running out to order wardrobes, take a proper inventory of what you have and what you reach for, most regularly. The way we live is changing and, nowadays, men require just as much wardrobe space as women. And with the increasingly easy ways to travel, carry-on suitcases get regular use – they can no longer be hidden away in the attic."

IT'S BEHIND YOU

Doors, particularly of utility rooms and cleaning cupboards, are great places for hanging brooms, dustpan brushes and bin bags, keeping them within arm's reach and super simple to store away again.

Top tip

Even the most unorganised people don't lose their toothbrush, according to decluttering expert and author of *Banish Clutter Forever*, Sheila Chandra. Know why? Because we all keep our toothbrush exactly in the same place – where we use it. Apply Chandra's Toothbrush Principle, across the home, and see how much more organised and less cluttered it can become.

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