

Family Organization

B I N G O

BOARD GAMES	SOCKS	SPORTS/HOBBY BAGS	STUFFED ANIMALS/ COLLECTABLES	DONATE A BAG OF TOYS
ACCESSORIES: HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SUNGLASSES, HAIR TIES	TOP OF BEDROOM DRESSER & NIGHTSTAND	KIDS BATHROOM	TECHNOLOGY	FAMILY JUNK DRAWER
BACKPACK/ SCHOOL BAG	CREATE A SNACK STATION		SUNSCREEN & BUG SPRAY	CAR
KIDS DISHES, STRAWS, & UTENSILS	WATER BOTTLES	CLOTHES	WASH LUNCH BOXES	SCHOOL PAPERS & ARTWORK
BOOKS	GARAGE TOYS	ARTS & CRAFTS/DESK	SHOES	POOL/BEACH BAG

Once you get BINGO, post on Instagram using #organizingbingo and tag @systemsbyusie, @simplify_in_style, @neatfreakmckinney, and @hellohappyhome to be entered to win!

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TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

- Explain the “Why” behind doing this BINGO challenge. Talk with your kids about the importance of being a family and how you need to work together as a team to keep your home organized.
- Do the task in the morning so the day doesn’t get away from you. Plus, you’ll start your day off with a huge WIN and that always feels good and creates momentum!
- Use a timer. Set it for 20 minutes, and take a pledge to work as hard as you can until the timer goes off. Once it goes off, you are done. If you have more time and willing participants, keep going. If not, let your kids be done and you can either finish up the project yourself or continue it another day.
- Give daily rewards for each task. Decide before starting that day what the special reward or treat will be for completing each BINGO square. Then, decide what the reward will be once you get BINGO and even Blackout! Select something that you know will motivate your kids! (food treat, technology time, dance party, special movie, baking time, money...get creative!) If they stop being motivated to do the task, change the reward.
- Involve your kids as much as possible! That means you will need plenty of patience and let go of perfection. Done is better than perfect.
- If your child has a hard time letting go of things, give them a specific number to keep. For example, tell them they can keep 15 stuffed animals, 10 board games, 10 coloring books, etc. You decide how many, and they decide which ones.
- Be enthusiastic! The more pumped up you get about this and make this a fun time together, the more they will want to participate. Put on some good music, be silly, and get organized!
- Add Labels! Labels will help maintain organization over time. Order yourself [a label maker](#) or some cute [vinyl labels here](#).

BINGO



Go through each and every board game (and puzzle) and decide if you want to keep it. Ask yourself: When was the last time you played it? If you had the choice, would you want to play it now? Think about the most efficient way to store board games. Consider using these awesome space-saving mesh bags and photo cases. Check out [Simplify in Style's IGTV](#) to see how she uses them to organize board games.

BOARD GAMES

SOCKS

Go through every person's sock drawer and get rid of any single socks or anything too small, too worn, or pairs that you don't wear anymore. (Bonus point for finding a match for your single socks!)

SPORTS & HOBBY BAGS

Gather every bag used for extra-curricular activities: sports, hobbies, music lessons, tutoring, etc. Take EVERYTHING out and only put back what you need.



Assure your child that you won't be getting rid of ALL of their stuffed animals, but once in awhile it's good to touch each one and make sure they still love them and want them. It makes letting go a little easier if you have a younger cousin or friend that you can give them to. As for collectables, have your child go through their collection and keep only their favorites. Just because something has sat on the shelf for years, doesn't mean it needs to stay there. Once again, take EVERYTHING off the shelf or out of the space before starting the purging process.

STUFFED ANIMALS & COLLECTABLES



DONATE A BAG OF TOYS

Challenge your child to fill up one shopping bag with toys to donate. Set a timer on this one for sure so they don't get distracted and start playing. Go for the low hanging fruit. What have they not played with for a long time? Start there. And talk about the "Why." It's good to pass on toys you no longer play with to another boy or girl who will be SO excited to have it!

ACCESSORIES

Gather ALLLLLLLLL your accessories from all around the house and group them together in categories. Touch each one and donate whatever isn't being used. Bonus points-Wash your winter accessories and jackets.

KIDS BATHROOM

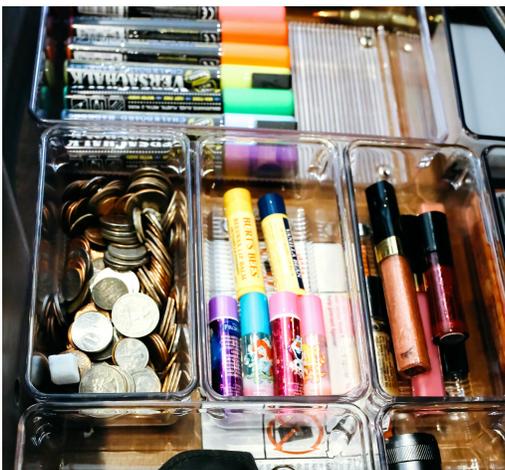
Organize the drawers and countertops in your kid's bathroom. Add drawer organizers and give each item a home. Also go through all the bath toys and products in the bath or shower. Adding a liquid soap, shampoo, and conditioner dispenser would make life easier for your kids and less cluttered in the shower. Other organization products can be found here.

TOP OF BEDROOM DRESSER & NIGHTSTAND

Why is it that these 2 places just love to capture clutter? SO many small pieces of things accumulate here. Return each item to its home (or if it doesn't have a home, find one! Try using [a tray](#) on top of the dresser to capture small pieces and clutter in the future.

TECHNOLOGY

Gather up devices, cords, and accessories for all of your technology. Wipe them down clean, delete any apps that aren't being used, and organize your cords. Use these supplies to wrap your cords and create a charging station.

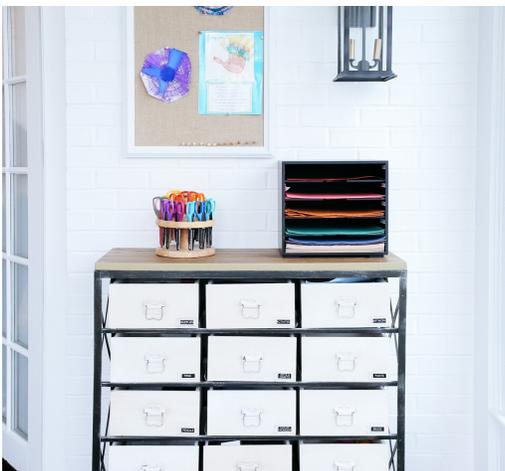


FAMILY JUNK DRAWER

The dreaded junk drawer doesn't have to be junky! The key here is taking EVERYTHING out and then sorting things into categories (tools, flashlights, batteries, tapes, writing supplies, mail supplies, paper clips, keys, etc). Then purchase some drawer organizers like these. It will never stay organized if you don't!

CREATE A SNACK STATION

If you don't already have one in your pantry, create a snack station for your kids. Make snacks easily accessible for them by putting snacks low on the shelf and in easy-to-open containers like [these](#). Put kid-friendly bowls in lower cabinets so they can serve themselves when they are hungry. This will save you so much time while they are home!



SUNSCREEN & BUG SPRAY

Review all your sunscreen and bug spray from everywhere in the house. Check expiration dates and if needed, purchase some new ones online so you will be ready to go when the warmer weather hits.

Regardless of the age of your child, clean out the bag they use on a daily basis. Take everything out and see if you need a better solution for storing what's in there. Maybe add a [pencil case](#)? A [clear bag](#) for coins and misc. items? Use this opportunity to thoroughly wipe it down as well.

BACKPACK, SCHOOL, OR DIAPER BAG

Clean out the car, especially where your kids sit. Take out all trash or any items left behind there.

Think about any new systems you want to set up. Maybe give the kids their own small trash can in the back seat like this one or buy a trunk organizer for yourself.

CAR

KIDS DISHES, STRAWNS, & UTENSILS

These get out of control quickly. Do you need all that you have? Are there some you can live without? Can you get rid of them completely?? Try ditching all the mismatched sizes of plastic kids dishes for these [Corelle dishes](#). They are a simple white, dishwasher safe, and won't break if dropped. Set up your kids for success! Put them in a lower cabinet so kids can reach them on their own.



WATER BOTTLES

These multiply so fast and are often crammed in kitchen cabinets. Only keep the best and favorites. Think about how many you actually use and donate all the others. Anything without a lid, goes! Use a [small container like this](#) to organize the lids. It's a game changer to keep lids in their own separate container!

CLOTHES

Go through drawers and take out anything that's too small or isn't worn. Do the same with the hanging clothes. Consider putting them back with a file fold so your child can more easily see what they have. Teach your kids to fold using a [folding board](#). Kids LOVE helping fold with this board! It's so easy.

LUNCH BOXES

Use this opportunity to wash your lunch boxes and backpacks in the washing machine. I didn't even know I could do that until last year! Or give them a good wipe down. Review all your lunch accessories, thermos, and lunch boxes to make sure everything you have is something you use, love, or need. Also consider going more green by buying these cute straw and snack bags from [Nina's Flying Needle](#), a mom with a wonderful product and mission. Find our favorite bento boxes, Lunchbox Notes, and cute accessories [here](#).



Start with this current school year's papers and artwork. Have your child make 4 piles: Keep Forever, Display, Send to Grandparents, & Recycle. This is the perfect time to create a system for your "keep forever" artwork. You can read more about Systems by Susie's [solution here](#) and either purchase a ready-made one from her [Shop](#) or make your own using the supplies found [here](#).



BOOKS

Go through all the kids' books and magazines in your house and donate any that won't be read again and aren't favorites. You can even sell them on FB Marketplace and use the money to buy new books for your kids. Or, suggest doing a swap with some of their friends so they have new books to read during their time at home.

GARAGE TOYS

Touch all the kids toys and sports gear that's in your garage, including bikes, scooters, helmets, sports equipment, nerf, chalk, kites, bubbles, etc. Donate anything that is damaged or no longer played with. This rolling [storage rack](#) holds sports and play gear and will keep things organized over time. It's perfect for Nerf and Light Saber storage!

Every once in awhile it's good to clean out all your arts & crafts. Throw away dried up play-doh and paint, toss broken pencils, sharpen remaining pencils, test all crayons and markers, and recycle coloring and activity books that are filled up. Have your kids be realistic about what supplies they will use in the future and donate the rest. Maybe donate them to their teacher to use in the classroom once they return to school. Try storing art supplies in an easy-to-reach [art caddy](#) on top of their work surface. Add [individual organizers](#) to the drawers. Find some craft organization products [here](#).



POOL & BEACH BAGS

Go through your pool or beach bag (if you have one) and get it all ready to go for the summer! Donate any beach towels that worn, swim goggles that don't fit, and order yourself some new ones. Throw away old pool toys and maybe shop online with your child to pick out some new pool or outdoor toys for the season ahead. Bonus points- Try on all your swim suits, coverups, and water shoes. Order some new sizes if needed.



Donate shoes that are too small or too worn. Try on last summer shoes and order some new ones online so you are ready for the warmer weather to hit! If you end up with shoes all over the floor, try using baskets to store the shoes for each child.

SHOES



HOW TO ENTER THE GIVEAWAY

STEP 1: Follow all the organizers involved

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[@simplify_in_style](#)

[@neatfreakmckinney](#)

[@hellohappyhome](#)

STEP 2: Post a picture of your completed BINGO sheet in your stories and tag all of the organizers above to be entered. Giveaway closes March 22, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST. Winner will be announced on March 23, 2020 on Instagram.

RESOURCES

ORGANIZATION

[SYSTEMS BY SUSIE](#)

[SIMPLIFY IN STYLE](#)

[NEAT FREAK MCKINNEY](#)

[HELLO HAPPY HOME](#)

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

[MAMA NOTES](#)

[KRISTEN DUKE- ACTIVITY FOR TEENS](#)

[CRAFTING CHICKS- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRINTABLE KIT](#)

[DAYS WITH GREY](#)

[RECYCLE AND PLAY](#)

[FREE ONLINE CLASSES FOR KIDS](#)

[MOTHER COULD](#)

[GIANT LIST OF IDEAS WHEN HOME WITH KIDS](#)

FAMILY GAMES

HOMEGROWN TRADITIONS

MECK MOM LIFE

BEST FAMILY BOARD GAMES

COOKING

KRISTYN MERKLEY- EASY RECIPES

YOUR HOME BASED MOM- BREAD IN A BAG

I HEART NAPTINE- CAKE MIX COOKIES & PLAYDOH RECIPES

EAZY PEAZY MEALS- COOKING WITH KIDS

GET YOUR KIDS MOVING

COSMIC KIDS YOGA

DIY PROJECTS FOR MOMS

CLASSY CLUTTER

30 DAYS BLOG

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR KIDS & MOM SELF IMPROVEMENT

8 MINUTE CLASSES

FAVORITE PODCASTS

3 IN 30 TAKEAWAYS FOR MOMS

THE HAPPINESS LAB WITH DR. LAURIE SANTOS

HAPPIER WITH GRETCHEN RUBIN

GOOD TO BE HOME

THE HEALTHY FAMILY PODCAST

TIME TO PARENT WITH JULIE MORGENSTERN