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How to Organize the Bathrooms

Start with the smallest bathroom and work up, one drawer and cabinet at a time.

WHERE TO START

Start with your smallest or least used bathroom, like the half bath or guest bath.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ☐ Trash bag
- ☐ A bin for things that belong elsewhere
- ☐ Cleaning cloth and spray
- ☐ Baskets, bins and drawer dividers

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Put the time on your calendar like any other appointment. One room per session is plenty.

The method

1. **Set up four boxes**
   Label them Toss, Donate, Keep and Relocate. Every item goes into one of them, so nothing ends up in a new pile.
2. **Empty it completely**
   Take everything out and set it on a cleared table or counter. You can't organize around things you haven't seen.
3. **Clean before anything goes back**
   Wipe the shelves, drawers and surfaces and sweep the floor while the space is empty.
4. **Group like with like**
   Sort what you're keeping into families. Seeing all of one kind together shows you how much you really have.
5. **Give every family a home**
   What you use most goes closest to hand. Add containers and labels only once you know what stays.
6. **Close the session**
   Take out the trash, put the donations in your car and return every Relocate item to its room before you stop.

In this room

Empty under the sink

Drawers, shelves and the cabinet under the sink all come out.

Toss the almost-empty

Old products, nearly empty bottles and anything you've never used.

Make families

Makeup, skin care, hair care, appliances, first aid.

KEEP IT THAT WAY

Pick one day a week to review every bathroom and keep them clean and organized.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER

Starting small builds the momentum for the bathroom you use most.

YOUR CHECKLIST IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

More tips and photos in the full post: read it here

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The Bathrooms Checklist

STARTED _____ DONE _____

- [ ] Start with your smallest or least used bathroom, maybe your half bath or guest bath.
- [ ] Set up a trash bag and a bin to catch anything that doesn't belong here, and clear your counters.
- [ ] Empty all your drawers, clear the shelves and take everything out from under the sink.
- [ ] Wipe all the surfaces: shelves, drawers and cabinets.
- [ ] Toss anything that is old, almost empty or that you have never used.
- [ ] Group like items together into families: makeup, skin care, hair care, appliances, first aid and so on. Use baskets, bins and drawer dividers where you can.
- [ ] Organize kids' bath toys in a plastic basket for easy cleanup.
- [ ] Wipe the counters and the mirror, clear the floor and the trash can, and enjoy your clean, sparkling bathroom.
- [ ] Choose a day of the week to review all the bathrooms and keep them clean and organized.

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