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How to Organize Kids' Bedrooms

How to sort a child's bedroom into zones for play, clothes and quiet time.

WHERE TO START

Empty the drawers, shelves and hanging items first, then work one group at a time.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ☐ Boxes labeled Toss, Donate, Keep and Repairs
- ☐ Vacuum and cloth
- ☐ Bins and boxes
- ☐ Labels (pictures for little ones)

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

Zones by activity

Toys and play, clothes, study and quiet time.

One group at a time

Clothing, toys, crafts, books. Sort, declutter, then organize each.

Storage for their age

Choose containers they can open, and label every one.

KEEP IT THAT WAY

Review the room once a week to keep it clean and organized.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER

Put things where they're used, then by how often they're used.

YOUR CHECKLIST IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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

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Kids' Bedrooms Checklist

STARTED _____ DONE _____

- [ ] Set up bins, bags or boxes labeled Toss, Donate, Keep and Repairs.
- [ ] Empty all the drawers, shelves and hanging items.
- [ ] Vacuum and wipe the closet, drawers and shelves.
- [ ] Create zones for each category: toys and play time, clothes, study and quiet time.
- [ ] Tackle one group at a time: sort it, declutter it, then organize it. Clothing, toys, crafts, books.
- [ ] Group like items together. Use bins and boxes to keep these groups together.
- [ ] Place each group where it will live, first by activity or zone, then by how often it's used.
- [ ] Choose storage that suits each group and the child's age. Label every container.
- [ ] Review the room weekly to keep it clean and organized.

NOTES

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