

The 10R's



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You have touched on a subject that I am truly passionate about, to the point where I now have a business based around storage solutions, eco organising to create space in our lives.

Eco Organiser believes in utilising your 'stuff' to help regain control over wasted time and space, and shows that with a little planning we can reduce the amount we send to landfill.

My system uses 10 R's not just 3: Refuse, Research, Rethink, Reorganise, Rework, Responsibility, Reduce, Reuse, Restyle, Recycle and a bonus – Reward yourself!

Hidden storage

When lining the walls of our shed we added doors to utilise the noggins as shallow shelves. Nothing gets pushed to the back, lost and wasted. (9)

Think storage from the top to bottom, adding an attic ladder taps into wasted space. (7)



Open shelving

This was something we did for my mother; the wood used to be stored in a large timber box, but they found a snake in the bottom. I suggested built-in open shelves, with few places for the snakes to hide. (5)

Old railway shelves set high on the walls lift frequently used items out of the way but still close at hand. (6)



Double use

This drawer within a deep drawer hides the smaller drawers without detracting from the overall aesthetics of the cabinet. (3)

Utilise under your stairs with rollout boards 'skateboards'. (4)

Vertical space

We have utilised this vertical space in our garage to hang shopping trolley and garlic. (8)

Kitchen ideas

Our spices are stored in reused glass jars to keep them fresh, then stored upside down in an old baking dish. At a quick glance we can see our spices and how much there is in stock. No need for a label. (1)

Old plastic boxes are used as drawer dividers, making it easier to find things and safer. (2) ♦

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