



## Calm, Tidy and Well Organized!

Whether it's your jewelry box, clothes closet, or kitchen pantry, when you open a door or drawer, you want calm, tidy and well-organized to meet you!



### **Be a creator, not a consumer!**

Many of us are creative people so that means we have lots of crafty supplies! Here are some tips for the crafty!

-test all supplies; including markers, glues, scissors, staples, punches, paints. Toss everything that doesn't work. Put all similar items together in see-through containers  
-use a mounted wall pocket system behind a door or on a wall to hold small parts or tools

-mount a grid system or peg board to hold flexible storage. Peg board or bulletin board mounted inside cabinet doors also adds space for storage and lets you post clippings, patterns, pictures, lists, etc.. For easy access and visual cues.



◀use a system, either by color, fiber content, or weight to organize yarn or fabric. Plastic bins work well. Make sure you label, the bins are see-through and stackable

-a painted piece of plywood across the top of two-drawer file cabinets or night stands with drawers allows for added storage with work surface on top. Think bright paints or wall paper for decorating the area. Table top hutches or cubby hole boxes atop a counter top or work surface adds visual interests, but also plenty

of room for stashing canisters, jars, small baskets or spice rack to contain small items such as pins, tape, glues, punches, buttons, spools, etc...

-flat trays made of wood, metal or plastic that fit into cubicles work really well for paper scrapbooking supplies, card stock, sheets of vellum, etc.. (decoupage supplies work well in an area like this!)

Our sharing time is almost over! If you have enjoyed receiving this newsletter and if you have been de-cluttering; let me know! —don't be shy. Contact me by regular mail or email and share your story at [mhixson@uky.edu](mailto:mhixson@uky.edu)



### **Knitting It All Up...**

*You have to start small when you are trying to de-clutter. Every time you accomplish a task, it feels so good! Some small tasks I recently completed myself include; putting a milk crate in the top of a clothes closet to coral pull over tops, a plastic bin sitting on the counter near my door that holds needed items as I leave my house everyday, a tool caddy now containing everyday bathroom items that can easily be put out of sight, and I discovered I have lots and lots of ribbon for bow making—it's now all contained in 2 bins and I don't need to buy or even look at more ribbon for a while!!!! Until next month, Mary*

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