



PLAY OPTIMISE HOME

Our top 5 tips to help you conquer the chaos when it comes to storing kids stuff



1. MAKE STUFF ACCESSIBLE

Good storage and a system for storing things is vital to maintain a well-run home and this is particularly true when it comes to kids' stuff, but bear in mind that their things need to be accessible. In play rooms and bedrooms try filling open shelving with colourful boxes of varying sizes that they can reach and explore. You might also find that they are less reliant on you needing to get everything from them and they might even be more inclined to put things away.

2. HELP THEM TO DO IT THEMSELVES

Put children in charge of tidying away their own coats hats and bags. Invest in some hooks which can be hung at varying heights to suit even the smallest members of the family, giving them easy access to all their bits and pieces.

For older children, try to give them their own cupboard for storing their school bag, sports equipment etc. This is a great way to declutter hallways and hopefully put a stop to coats piling up on the bannister at the end of the stairs.



3. MAKE A FEATURE OF THEIR STUFF

Resist the temptation to hide things away – a home should be enjoyed and trying to keep everything concealed, especially children's toys, is a battle that cannot be won.

Look for storage systems that make a feature of toys and games, like picture rails, which work great as a shelf for displaying children's books. Encourage your kids to create their own little displays by arranging their favourite toys and books. An added advantage of these kinds of storage systems is that your children might start to enjoy putting things away.



4. CONSIDER BUILT-IN STORAGE

Built-in storage will give you a lot more for your money. It is a more expensive option than an off-the-shelf solution but it can be customised to suit your exact requirements so will work far more effectively and can be designed so that it adapts to suit your child's needs as they grow.



5. WARDROBES

When planning children's wardrobes, drawers and hanging rails trump shelves every time as they make it much easier for kids to access their clothes. Things like shoe boxes make great drawer dividers and are ideal for storing socks and underwear. And consider putting some soft close hinges to stop doors slamming.

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