

# The Life-Changing Magic of Organizing Your Organizational Supplies

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Did you visit the Container Store and accidentally buy one of everything? Do you have an organizing project you've been meaning to get to for 10 years? Us too! That's why we put together these transcendent ideas for repurposing your mountain of organizational supplies.

**Mason jars:** You've probably got a supply of these for projects like baking unicorn cakes or creating jewelry storage jars by dipping them in 24-karat gold. To organize your collection, first sort them by size and color. Then procure an enormous mason jar and arrange the smaller jars inside to construct a stylish statue—perhaps of a robin's nest or Marie Kondo.

**Plastic bins:** Haven't had time to organize your children's craft supplies into bins of items like "glitter that will be in your carpet forever"? No problem! Just use the bins to build your kids a play area shaped like the Colosseum. The first kid to knock it over has to sort the Lego pile.

**Pegboard:** That pegboard will someday be a wonderful way to organize all the pots and pans. Until then, turn it into a game of Plinko. The bottom "prize" slots could be fun activities, like scrubbing the bathroom grout or finally converting the Plinko board into the Julia Child–style pots-and-pans organizer you have always visualized.

**Cute tiny boxes:** Did you buy several boxes thinking they would be perfect to hold some things, but you didn't know what those things would be yet? Just arrange them on a shelf in your bathroom. Your guests won't know they're empty, and they'll be impressed with your organizational skills, which is the whole point of organizing anyway.

**Cereal boxes:** What should you do with the empty cereal boxes you've held on to in hopes of one day giving them new lives as beautiful drawer organizers? Set them up in a pyramid to make a knock-down game. You'll be surprised by how invigorating it can be to throw something.

**Still-in-the-box shelving:**

If you haven't had the chance to put together the bookcase you bought to achieve the #shelfies of your dreams on Instagram, don't fret! Paint the box the same color as your living room wall, sketch a seascape on it, and store it directly on the wall.

**Hooks:** Those extra hooks that are supposed to be for designing vertical organizational systems throughout your home can, in fact, help you save money on a gym membership. Simply attach the hooks to your ceiling for a unique, upside-down rock-climbing space.

**Canvas storage bins:**

Do you have a stockpile of canvas totes you picked up when they were on sale last year, figuring you would use them somewhere? Now you can! Stuff them with other tote bags and the scarves you have been stress-knitting, then set up a nap area on a closet floor. You'll probably need to rest after all this organizing.

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