

4 Great Organizing Tips

Nearly **43%** of people consider themselves disorganized.* Whether you're naturally organized or you're part of the **43%**, here are some tips to help you get and stay organized.

- 1 Sort by type and color.** Whether you're organizing your books, clothing or other items, putting items of similar function and color family together creates a clean and orderly appearance.
- 2 Invest in the right tools.** If you want your items to last, make sure you store them right. For example, to help ensure that your business or special occasion clothing stays in wearable condition, buy nice hangers. Wood and fabric-covered hangers drape your clothes well, and help your clothing maintain their shape. Use wooden hangers to hang your suits, jackets or business clothes and padded fabric hangers for delicate dresses and blouses.
- 3 Store your seasonal clothing on a metal rolling rack,** and keep it in your attic, basement or garage. Cover it to help ensure that your clothing stays dust-free until you need them again.
- 4 Commit to organization.** It's easy to fall back into old habits from time to time. However, to ensure that your storage spaces remain organized, commit to keeping them that way. When you put away your laundry, make sure everything goes in its designated location. And, to keep down the clutter, when you buy a new item, get rid of something you don't use anymore.

* Source: IKEA Life at Home Survey, July 2012

Display collectibles, such as designer handbags, in storage cubes or on shelves. That way you can enjoy looking at them every time you open your closet.

