

# Learn to Successfully Organize as a Family

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## **Set your family up for success.**

Having less clutter, clothes, and toys makes tidying more manageable for everyone--especially kids. Consider keeping a donation basket in the laundry area to encourage consistent decluttering as-you-go. Then create a calendar trigger to revisit the areas that regularly need decluttering on a routine basis.

## **Share the Step-by-Step Home Organizing Party with Your Family.**

Utilize a project plan, the calendar, and the whole family to get your home in order. Outline the vision for your home and work through projects strategically.

## **Focus on the "feeling" of working together and consider using housework as a relationship building tool.**

Mundane housework can be a way to show love and bring families together. It's also a great time to start conversations while working side by side with children. Focus on how beautiful "clean" feels.

## **Find ways to combine fun and work!**

For young children, designate simple uniforms or hats, and use special cleaning tools and games they will think are exciting. For example, make a cleaning music playlist and plug inexpensive disco lights in the kitchen for after-dinner clean-up dance parties.

## **Create routines that serve your family.**

Break your home into "zones" so each family member is responsible to bring their part of the house back in order by the day's end. Give clear expectations and multiple teaching opportunities while setting this up. Establish daily clean-up times for family members tidy their "zones." For example: morning, after lunch, and after dinner.

## **Create manageable landing zones for coming and going.**

Entryways, carport areas, and family vehicles can get out of control quickly. Use bins, hooks, and labels to keep things tidy and under control. Teach children how to maintain this space with basic habits like tossing trash into a strategically-placed can and leaving backpacks and shoes in designated spots.

## Create systems for maintenance.

Here are just a few examples:

**Papers:** Keep papers corralled by having one main inbox for incoming papers, and use a Weekly Review to get papers processed and down to zero. A Tickler file can hold papers by month (or week) until they are needed.

**Children's Treasures:** Consider giving each child a special box to hold items that parents don't necessarily love, but kids want to keep. New treasures need to fit in the box--so teach children to make space by parting with less-loved treasures.

**Job Charts:** Post charts with clear expectations in main family areas to help maintain systems.

## Tweak systems as children age and as new needs arise.

Keeping it clean as a family isn't a one-and-done deal, it's a progressive learning experience. Reevaluate what is working (and what isn't) regularly to make necessary adjustments to routines. Use family meetings to address needs and cheer each other on.

We're so excited you're here at the party!  
Remember, all of our resources are on the party homebase page:  
<https://learndobecome.com/foundationhomebase>

