



Kitchen Cabinet Organizing Checklist



- 1. Enlist a helper: Schedule a day & time in the calendar.
- 2. Don't forget to eat breakfast & schedule in a stop for lunch.
- 3. What to do before you start:
 - Go grocery shopping. Make sure you have full stock if you plan to tackle the fridge and/or pantry today.
 - Clear & wipe down kitchen table, countertops, & island.
 - Do all the dishes. Double check the house to make sure you have all of them clean and in the kitchen.
 - Gather a box for donation items, another for trash, and another for "goes elsewhere." You may need more than one for anything that needs to go in another room.
 - Gather your "quick cleaning" supplies: Handheld vacuum, all-purpose spray of choice, and paper towels or microfiber clothes.
 - Have a measuring tape handy as well as a pad of paper and pen to write down what you need and the size you need it in for when you go to purchase any additional organizers you need.
 - Determine how you will label your bins. Labeling is the key to long-term organization... *Preach!* Keep a list of labels you will want to make as you work your way through your kitchen.
- 4. Clean each cabinet as you go.
- 5. Start small & group like items as you take things out.
 - Focus on a few main cabinets first. Then, before putting anything back in the cabinets, consider which cabinet may be housing similar items as what you have taken out and work through that cabinet before reassembling.
 - Prepare for organized chaos.
 - Potential order... plates/dishes, glasses/cups, pots/pans, serving ware, baking ware, big items (crockpots, etc.), and then the utensil drawer.
 - Save pantry and fridge for last or it's own separate day.

- 6. Organize cabinets by how you use them... cups near the drinks, plates near the table, coffee near the coffeemaker, daily items near the dishwasher, etc.
- 7. Ask yourself, "When was the last time I used this?" If only used on occasion, choose a non-prominent spot to house it. If it has been over a year, donate it. You won't need it again. I promise.

******* REPEAT AFTER ME, "I will not store this somewhere else for later!" *******

If you do this, all you're doing is migrating junk and you're not decluttering at all. Stay diligent. If you need support, send me a DM on Instagram @myhomierhome. I'll talk you through it. :)

- 8. Be realistic. Yes, you want it to look pleasing to the eye, but it also has to function. Don't sacrifice function for beauty.
- 9. Take notes on items that need to be replaced (i.e. old pans, empty spices, etc.)
- 10. Make a list of organizational items to purchase. Be sure to write down the measurements of your cabinet next to the item you need.
- 11. Decide on an aesthetic for your organizational items (i.e. clear acrylic, opaque - choose a color, canvas, metal/wire bins, etc.)
- 12. Be sure to have organizational items that help you reach the back of cabinets more easily.
- 13. Don't forget to have fun! This is not life or death... it's just organizing. No matter your innate skill set for organization, you can accomplish this goal of getting a handle on your kitchen cabinets and making them work for you. You got this! And, if you made it to the end... see I told you so! ;)



Want to get all the details? Check out the full post [here](#).