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- 1. Assess the damage.
 - Grab a notepad and take notes on the following:
 - What doesn't function? Why doesn't it function?
 - What do you see causing the issue (poor habits, poor layout, etc)?
 - Does everything belong in this space? If not, where should it go?
 - What issues need to be tackled when you put this space back together?
- 2. If a small area, take everything out.
 - If not a small area, breakdown your larger area into smaller chunks before taking everything out.
- 3. Make piles of like items.
- 4. Wipe down and vacuum the space.
- 5. Decide if you want to tackle the big tasks now or later.
 - Does this area need a coat of paint? Better built-ins? New layout?
 - If these are worth it to do now, go for it. If you can have function without completing some of these tasks, go for the quick-win and schedule these bigger tasks in your calendar for later.
- 6. Decide what should stay or go in this space.
- 7. If it doesn't go here, decide where it goes.
- 8. Assess what type of organizational items you need.
 - Before going out to buy anything, check what you already have.
 - If you still need to buy something, measure the length, width, & height of the space before heading to the store. And, don't wait longer than a week to purchase these.
- 9. Put it back together.
 - Use your notes from step 1 to make sure you consider the previous issues as you put everything back in.
- 10. Live with it for a few days.
 - Have you solved the issues? If not, what still needs to be addressed? Adjust as needed.
- 11. Revel in the bliss of a clutter-free, organized space.