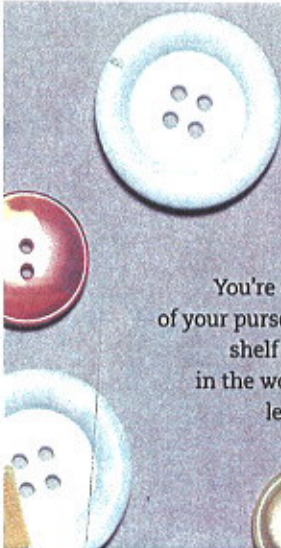


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GET ORGANIZED, STAY ORGANIZED: easy storage from A to Z

You're not quite sure how those spare buttons always end up at the bottom of your purse, covered in crumbs. Or why Rover's heartworm pills are sharing shelf space with the aspirin. Sure, you might not be the most organized person in the world, but you don't have to feel so scattered, either. Read this guide to learn how to give it all a proper home. And consider your clutter controlled.

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dishes

AS IN: Your grandmother's china, which is not aging gracefully.

THE FIX: "Use heavy-duty plastic wrap," says Cheryl Kahn-Brocco, director of catering for the Glazier Group, an event-management company in New York City. "Wrap plates individually and stack up to eight before securing them tightly with the wrap. It's a favorite catering trick. Your dishes won't budge, and they'll be protected from dust, so there's no need to wash them before using." Store the stacks in a cupboard or a low-traffic corner of the attic. As for fancy wineglasses and Champagne flutes, Kahn-Brocco recommends commercial-style dishwasher racks with individual compartments (from \$22, Restaurant Depot, therdstore.com): "Load it up and wrap it in plastic so everything stays safe and clean."