



Monthly Organizing Special

It's back to school time and some of you will be sending a young adult off to college this year. If you are in this position, it may seem like an overwhelming task so here are a few tips to simplify it for you. I'm calling it the 3 C's to an organized dorm room.

1. **CATEGORIES:** This works for ANY room by the way, and not just dorms. Set up the dorm room in zones and store things accordingly in that zone. In a dorm room, your categories may be grooming, dressing, studying, sleeping & eating. Putting things away is easier when you have decided what and where the zones are. Keep in mind that your space is small so bringing only seasonal clothing and making use of vertical space here is also going to help.

2. **COMBINE:** You will want to combine your efforts with your roommate. Check ahead of time with what they are bringing so you don't end up with duplicates. Some items to share are a mini fridge, microwave, tv, game system & furniture. You'll also want to choose items with multiple uses. For example: an iPhone can be a phone, calendar, iPod and map. Attractive message boards, hooks and shelves serve dual purposes combining utility needs with decoration.

3. **COLOR COORDINATE:** This is going to come more into play for the ladies than the men but it still stands true in both places. A dorm room is a small space and small spaces look less cluttered when things are containerized and are color coordinated. That's why photos in a catalog look so good. Pick 2 or 3 colors and stick with those throughout the room when picking storage pieces, decor, bedding, etc.

If you'd like more help preparing your young adult for college, we are offering a 25% off discount during the month of August (virtual organizing included). Happy packing and don't wait until the last minute!

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