



# HOME ORGANIZATION TIPS

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## GENERAL STORAGE

- Easy access: place Ziploc® Twist 'n Loc® and Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal containers in a dishpan and place on a shelf. When you need a container, slide it out, pick one and slide it back.
- Store seldom used/seasonal items in Ziploc® Big Bags and place behind furniture, on shelves, in drawers, under beds, etc.
- Hang Ziploc® Big Bags on a hook or slip the carry handle on a clothes hanger. Install a towel/curtain rod on a basement or garage ceiling. Hang several Ziploc® Big Bags for easy visibility and access.
- Hang Regular Ziploc® Bags on self-adhesive or screw-in hook. Punch a hole just beneath the zipper and slip on the bag. Or paper clamp the bag; then hang. Ziploc® Bags can also be easily attached to metal surfaces with a magnet.

## HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- Sort by occasion and store greeting cards in quart sized Ziploc® Freezer Bags to keep the envelope glue moisture free. Stand the labeled bags in a shoebox or Ziploc® large rectangle Snap 'n Seal container.
- A Ziploc® Flexible Tote will protect Halloween costumes and dress-up clothes.
- Make an easy gift-wrap center: stow wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, tags, scissors and tape in a Ziploc® XXL Big Bag. Instant present portability!
- Saving folded gift boxes? Save 'em in smaller sized Ziploc® Big Bag!
- Corral any holiday paper products (plates, cups, napkins, etc...) in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote.
- Store holiday decorations in Ziploc® Flexible Totes and Ziploc® Big Bags to keep dirt and moisture out. Keep seasonal/holiday wreaths clean and safe in a Ziploc® Big Bag.
- Give two presents in one! "Wrap" gifts in Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal and Twist 'n Loc® containers.
- Gift Tip: Fill a Ziploc® Bag with any non-perishable holiday food and seal. Nestle the bag in fun containers like baskets, crocks, pitchers, jugs, mugs, canisters, etc. and decorate with a festive bow.

## ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES

- Stow game room accessories in a Ziploc® Big Bag or Flexible Tote.
- Large Ziploc® Big Bags are perfect for containing and transporting coloring books and crayons. When done, zip— they hang up out of the way.
- Make sure puzzles pieces stay together zipped up in pleated Ziploc® Easy Zipper Bags that stand up and are easy to open and shut.
- After board game boxes fall apart store the pieces in labeled Snap 'n Seal or Twist 'n Loc® containers. Great for card games too!
- Use a Ziploc® Flexible Tote or Big Bags to store children's clothes and items. They can be placed on a shelf or tucked under a bed.
- A Ziploc® Big Bag is a good container to file the family's important papers and projects. Store on a shelf, hang up or slide under a bed.
- Keep each story book and its accompanying CD or DVD together in a Ziploc® Bag. The bags stand up in a Ziploc® large rectangle Snap 'n Seal Container.
- Toss school papers in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote. On the last day of class preserve just the most meaningful, memorable papers.

## HOME OFFICE

- Every month hang a 1 quart size Ziploc® Freezer Bag inside a kitchen cabinet door to stow all incidental receipts. At the end of the month, date, seal and store the bag— you'll never lose another receipt. (After a year it's okay to toss'em.)
- Tame the stack of owner's manuals, warranties, service centers info, directions, etc. Place each collection into a labeled Ziploc® Bag. (Tip: staple the receipt and write the serial/model number on the front cover of the owner's manual.) Place the bags in an expanding file, crate, file box or drawer.
- Transporting files? The XL Ziploc® Flexible Tote holds piles of files for easy transport.
- Seal important papers (or copies) in a Ziploc® Bag, place in an airtight container (like a Ziploc® large rectangle Snap 'n Seal) and store in the deep freeze. In a fire, the freezer is usually the last thing to burn.

- Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal and Twist 'n Loc® containers come in varying sizes and can hold paper clips, staples, rubber bands, paper clamps, etc. The containers (with the lids on) can be stacked on a shelf or with the lids off keep a drawer neat and tidy.

## CRAFTS

- Craft a storage 'book' out of Ziploc® Bags. Punch several bags like note book paper (3 evenly spaced holes down the left hand side of the bag.) Tip: put masking tape down the side of the bag before punching to keep the plastic from stretching and making it easier to punch. Use three individual binder rings to hold the 'book' together. Separate 'pages' will hold different colors of felt, embroidery floss, laces, ribbons, trims, elastic, scrapbook embellishments, jewelry, etc. Any size Ziploc® Bag can be used.
- Beads and jewelry making supplies, brads, buttons, and scrapbook embellishments can be easily stored and organized in Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal or Twist 'n Loc® containers.
- Store die cuts and paper scraps for scrapbooking and card making in large rectangle Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal containers.
- A medium round Twist 'n Loc® container holds a collection of crochet hooks, yarn bobbins, yarn needles, scissors and tape measure.
- Store skeins of yarn in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote or Ziploc® Big Bag. Cut a hole and feed yarn out without tangling. It's cat proof too!
- 1 gallon size Ziploc® Freezer Bags are sturdy sewing pattern envelopes. All the pattern pieces fit easily inside and the pattern picture is clearly visible through the bag.
- Fabric can be stored in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote. They're vented to allow air circulation, are see-through and the tops open completely, making selection easy.
- Create a kids art kit. The medium round Ziploc® Twist 'n Loc® holds markers, colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, etc. The Twist 'n Loc® lid keeps it secure and the containers stack. Make one kit for each child.
- Keep empty picture frames clean and protected, place in a Ziploc® Big Bag and hang.
- Make your next project portable. Gather all your supplies into a Ziploc® Big Bag or Flexible Tote and you're ready to create anywhere!



## KITCHEN

- Sort cookie cutters by holiday or season and stow in labeled Ziploc® Bags, Ziploc® Twist 'n Loc® or Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal Containers.
- Corral coupons by hanging two Ziploc® Bag inside a kitchen cabinet door or by a magnet on the side of the refrigerator: one for grocery and one for fast food/ restaurant coupons.
- Make recycling easy— hang a large Ziploc® Big Bag and fill with plastic grocery bags.
- Store table covers, napkins, napkin rings and placemats in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote.
- 'File' envelopes of flavoring packets by standing up in a Ziploc® large rectangle Snap 'n Seal (without the lid). Flip through to make your selection.
- When you're baking, line 3 or 4 bowls with Ziploc® Bags. Following the recipe, put all the dry ingredients into each bag. Label and seal the bags and place in a Ziploc® large rectangle Snap 'n Seal container. Next time half the work will be done.

## CLOSET

- Store boots, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves during the off-season using a Ziploc® Flexible Tote. They're ventilated to 'breathe', stackable and flexible to fit in tight spaces.
- Keep hand-me-downs neat and clean in a Ziploc® Flexible Tote or Ziploc® Big Bag.
- Want hassle free mornings? Fold matching outfits together with socks, belt, hair ribbons or small accessories and place in a Ziploc® Bag and hang the entire outfit on one hanger.
- Organize baby's diaper bag: put complete outfits in separate Ziploc® Bags and slip in.
- Ziploc® Big Bags and Flexible Totes are unmatched for storing bedding, pillows, throw rugs and sleeping bags.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Toss all your gym essentials in a Ziploc® Big Bag and head out without breaking a sweat.
- Efficient cleaning is in the bag. As you clean carry a Ziploc® Big Bag from room to room to gather misplaced items.

- Don't waste time, make a Ziploc® Big Bag waiting bag! Tote any project that's portable in it. During any waiting time, pull it out and you're being productive.
- Make a portable laundry kit. Stock a Ziploc® Big Bag with detergent; stain remover, dryer sheets and quarters. Put the laundry into a Ziploc® Flexible Tote, grab the laundry kit and off you go! Afterward, fold and place the clothes in the Flexible Tote to keep them clean and wrinkle free on the way home.
- Ziploc® Flexible Totes are a smart move for college students because they're flexible they load quickly and utilize all available car/trunk space. Unpacked, the Totes fold up easily.
- Mobilize your meetings with a large Ziploc® Big Bag! Stow all the papers, notebooks, manuals, etc. for each committee, lesson or activity. It keeps it all at your fingertips.
- Small Ziploc® Twist 'n Loc® or XS round Snap 'n Seal are great for emergency mending kits. Keep a few basic thread colors, needles, safety pins, etc.
- Organize your purse with small Ziploc® Bags. Switching purses? Simply switch the bags.
- Assemble first aid supplies into kits in a medium round Ziploc® Twist 'n Loc® or a large rectangle Ziploc® Snap 'n Seal container. Make one for each car and floor of your home.



## GARAGE

- Spray adhesive on one side of a 1-quart Freezer Ziploc® Bag and stick on the side of a storage box. Write the contents of the box on a card and slip into the Ziploc® Bag.
- After opening large bags of pet food, cat litter, charcoal, fertilizer, ice melt, etc. place them in the right sized Ziploc® Big Bag and seal. No more spills and it's easily toted.
- Protect user manuals for the power tools by punching hole just below the zipper in a Ziploc® Bag (1 gallon freezer bag) and hang next to the tool.
- Or organize small hardware and craft pieces with small Ziploc® Bags. Punch a hole just under the zipper and hang. Everything you need is in full view.
- If you have to stop painting in the middle of a project place the brush into a Ziploc® Bag, seal and freeze. Tip: Remove the brush one hour before you start painting again.
- Recycling made easy! Hang an opened Ziploc® Big Bag on a garage wall. Toss in recyclable plastic bottles.

- Save dead batteries in a large rectangle Snap 'n Seal container on a garage shelf. When full – take to be recycled.
- Here's new news: stack old newspapers in XXL Ziploc® Flexible Tote. The carry handles make it easy to transport for recycling.

## CAR/TRAVEL

- Going on vacation? Pack a Ziploc® Flexible Tote. Put souvenirs, gifts, etc. that you pick up on your trip. It's a compact extra suitcase!
- Pack a Ziploc® Big Bag in your suitcase for use as a laundry bag while you're away.
- Put complete outfits for children in separate Ziploc® Easy Zipper storage bags and pack in the suitcase. Slip each shoe into a Ziploc® Bag to keep the shoes from soiling the clothes.
- Ziploc® Bags keep small clothing items like lingerie, underwear, hosiery and socks from shuffling together in a suitcase.
- Store a Ziploc® long rectangle Snap 'n Seal under the front seat for emergency items.
- Protect your insurance card and car registration by slipping them into a small Ziploc® Bag.
- A Ziploc® Big Bag will safeguard maps, travel brochures, hotel directories, etc.

- Family road trip? Don't unpack everyone's suitcase— pack a Ziploc® Big Bag with the family's overnight gear and change of clothes.
- An XL Ziploc® Flexible Tote is a sleepover dream. It's roomy enough for sleepwear, slippers, tomorrow's outfit, toiletry items, DVD's, etc.
- Heading to the beach? Take a Ziploc® Big Bag to hold rocks, seashells, sandals, wet towels, inflatable beach toys, etc. without water and sand spilling in the car.
- Keep a Ziploc® Flexible Tote in the trunk of the car for errands. It keeps anything easily portable and the car organized.

## LABEL

- Label containers using either: Permanent Marker, computer self-adhesive labels, ballpoint pen (for Ziploc® Bags and Ziploc® Big Bags) or masking tape (Write on the tape and adhere to the container).