# Save Space and Combat the Mess

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# intro: Save Space and Combat the Mess Instructables fans are busy and creative. May bring some chaos.

But we can combat the mess and save space, through creativity...

These steps are no Instructables, but presentations of various installations I made in this topic, to (maybe) give you some ideas.



#### step 1: A Computer in the Shelf

This Mac-mini has a foldable TFT screen mount (on hanging rails), and a drawer for the keyboard and mouse.

















### step 2: A Nokia 770 in the Kitchen

It is nice to have recipes (among which, of Instructables) on hand and online while cooking.

This Nokia 770 wifi tablet is mounted inside a sliding trapdoor under a kitchen shelf.



Image Notes 1. just a regular kitchen timer 2. pen holder



Image Notes 1. magnet





Image Notes 1. the place, before





Image Notes 1. trapdoor, closed







Image Notes 1. all in one: plug holder, magnet counterpart, handle

# **step 3: A Sliding Panel for Brushes and Umbrellas** The cleaning brushes and umbrellas are at our disposal in the entrance hall.

A bottle filled with water, in a bag, gives the force to pull it back.

The umbrellas holder is made of a sawed plastic box.



Image Notes 1. <=== slides this way ===>



Image Notes upper part of a plastic box
 lower part of the box









Image Notes 1. box used for the umbrella holder

**step 4: A Pivoting Sweeper Holder** This sweeper is always ready, hidden in its 2-inches-wide groove.







Image Notes 1. this groove is about two inches wide

Image Notes 1. the sweeper, before



Image Notes 1. steady piece to allow sliding in and out easily





Image Notes 1. before: the sweeper frequently fell behind



Image Notes 1. screw+washer





Image Notes 1. pivot

**step 5: A Recharging Organizing Shelf** A recharging and storage place for the common portable electronic devices, keys, sunglasses, etc.

It is made of an horizontal CD shelf, to which I added many mains plugs, and mounted vertically.





#### Image Notes

- wireless phone, adapter and manuals
  useful and emergency numbers
- 3. cell phone, adapter and accessories
- digicams batteries and chargers
  room for another cell phone
- 6. out of reach of kids: sunglasses, hifi remote

#### Image Notes

- phone line, mains plug
  believe me: this whiteboard has been worst !
- 3. some mess, proudly resisting

# **Related Instructables**



Zero Point Shelf



Get Organized! (guide) by noahw by mada



How to organize kitchen cupboard storage by Creativeman



milk crate clothing storage by rustlabs



**Garage Storage** from the Laundry Room by kcli



Expedit Bookshelves for Storage by ripflash



ironing board nook into a spicy spice rack by tiffanytomato

How To Make The Low Cost Inventory Storage System by hipgirl

## Comments

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#### emmjul says: Nice House, and pretty cool homeimprovement ideas

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## cazz1313 says:

Jun 22, 2009. 12:15 PM REPLY The sliding panel for brooms has to be the coolest thing i've ever seen.. too bad I live in an apartment or I'd build that immediately. Have you though of mounting a panel with a handle over it to hide it?



#### LuminousObject says: Awesome. The charging shelf is a really good idea.



### WisconsinPlatt says:

That is Reasonably Clever. Well done



### TheScientist says:

some seriously slick solutions there :) I particularly like the hideable monitor and the charging stack!



#### ChrysN says:

Nice, I really like your sliding door, I have a shortage of storage space and could really use something like that.

Jun 21, 2009. 9:35 PM REPLY

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