

THE MASTER BATHROOM

Eek... just how long have you had that scented lotion that you despise? Or what's up with the drawer not closing properly? Oh and did you even think about all the stuff on the countertop that should live in the drawers?! Yes, girlfriend we are going there. AND how!

approx. time for initial project: 2 hours + shopping time
maintain: every 6 months -1 year

You'll need:

- A "to buy" list
- Large garbage bags or shopping bags
- Drawer Dividers
- Totes or Baskets
- Drawer units
- Sticky stuff used for earthquake proofing.

PREP

Get in the mood...

Before tackling this project- accept that it will be full of impulse choices gone bad! As in "Why yes, I know I spent \$10 on that lipstick but the color/smell is awful."

Suggested Products*

1. Drawer dividers 2. Bins/baskets (shoe size with lids, so you can stack them) 3. Drawer units

Measure the drawers and under the cupboards before beginning this type of project. It's nice to have the perfect fit for your space... and the darn plumbing makes this a challenge.

Under the sink cupboards Measure the width, depth and height of this space- around the pipes.

Drawers Measure the width + depth as well as the drawer height. When it comes to drawer divider products the height varies.

THE PROCESS

1. UNDER THE SINK

- Pull it all out.** You may want to unload all of it into a large bin and move to another room to sort + purge. OR you can pull out a chunk at a time. It really depends on your mood + the amount of space you have. I merely pulled out items and put them by category on the countertop. category examples: travel size, first aid, allergy meds.
- Make Decisions-** keep. toss. donate-*in this case maybe the babysitter wants to try this hairspray or your best friend may adore that brand of lotion that you loathe.*
- Sort as you go.** Once you see how many travel size shampoos you really have you'll realize it's time to pony up and drop some off at the local shelter or sometimes high school nurses collect them to share with students in need.



UNDER THE SINK STORAGE SOLUTIONS

MEDS

Divide them up by categories: First Aid. Allergy. Pain Reliever. Kid's medicine.
Store them in individual containers- drawer unit or plastic shoe size bins work well.
Label the containers for easy access.

TRAVEL- Be ready at a moment's notice...

Place travel size items in your cosmetic bag.
Store extras in a plastic drawer unit or in a plastic shoe size bin.
Label them.

GIRLY PRODUCTS- feminine hygiene + hair accessories that you don't use often but are not ready to part with AND don't want them clogging up precious drawer space.

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Label the containers for easy access.

BULK VITAMINS- Consider taking a handful of the vitamins out of the VERY big Costco container and placing them in an easy to reach place. I moved mine into the kitchen cupboard near the water glasses (so I'd remember to take them!) I then moved the BIG container to the back of my cupboard or you could place it in your food pantry.

HAIR PRODUCTS- Hair Products are best stored in a basket under the sink or if you have a deep drawer use it. I like hair products to be contained so that I can simply 'toss' them in a basket and not worry about them falling over... like they do when they are placed by themselves in the cupboard. Look for a container that has a flat bottom so products don't fall over.

2. DRAWERS

- Pull it all out.** You may want to unload all of it into a large bin and move to another room to sort + purge.
- Make decisions** (see makeup tips below) keep. toss. donate.
- Sort as you go.** This will give you an idea of how many eye shadows you really have but never wear.
- Wipe out your drawers.**
- Determine how drawers will be used.** example: his, hers, multi-use
- Organize using drawer dividers.**
- Label dividers in drawers you share with others**



BEAUTY PRODUCT EXPIRATION TIPS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WHEN TO CHUCK IT</u>
• Blush	Every 2-3 years
• Eyeliner	After 3 months if it's the liquid type
• Foundation	After 6-12 months
• Lipstick	After 1-2 years
• Makeup Brushes	no need to toss. Clean them every 2 weeks w/gentle shampoo
• Makeup Sponges	Every 2-4 weeks
• Mascara	Every 4 months
• Moisturizer	After a year
• Self-Tanner	After 2 years
• Sunscreen	After 1 year, unless expiration date is listed.

TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR DRAWER STORAGE + YOUR 'GET READY' TIME!

- Remove items you do not use on a daily or weekly basis. These can go below the sink.
- Place the items in order of how you use them. My personal drawer divider line up:
1. powder 2. eyes (mascara, shadow, eye liner) 3. lips 4. jewelry.
- Use drawer dividers: toothbrush + toothpaste, hair brushes, deodorant, meds.
- Keep the toothbrushes in a drawer... I saw an episode of Oprah that showed how when you flush the toilet the potty germs float around the room and land on your toothbrush- um no thank you :0.
- My bottom drawers house wash rags that I use nightly to wash my face. Previously it housed items for the kids... but I have sense reclaimed it for mine!

3. THE COUNTERTOPS

- Remove everything, sorting + tossing as you go.** If you have already created a new home for these items put them away.
- Make Decisions-** decide what deserves to live on your counter.
- Use pretty containers on the counter!**

Remember the mirror makes what you keep out 'double' in size... less is better.

