

Finding Joy in Clutter: A Different Approach to Decluttering

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We're often told "less is more," especially when it comes to organizing and decluttering our homes. While this can work for some, others may find it overwhelming and stressful to part with their belongings. That's where the concept of "recluttering" comes in – finding a balance between clutter and organization.

While this goes against many traditional ideas of decluttering, it's important to recognize that everyone has a different level of comfort regarding their possessions. Some thrive in minimalistic environments, while others find joy and comfort in being surrounded by mementos.

Change Your View

So how does one go about recluttering? First, we need to change how we look at clutter. Instead of seeing it as a negative and something to be eliminated, we can start embracing it. After all, our possessions are a reflection of who we are and can add character to our homes. This doesn't mean hoarding or keeping unnecessary items, but rather appreciating and celebrating the items that hold specific sentimental value.

Start The Reshuffle

Next, we'll start to reshuffle our belongings. We aren't getting rid of everything, instead finding a middle ground between keeping meaningful items and letting go of the unnecessary. Here you would go through your current clutter and start setting aside items with sentimental value, even if they serve no practical purpose in your daily life. After you've sorted your "keep" from your "toss" pile, it's time to go through your items again.

As we sort a second time, rank the items from most to least important. This will help you see where your priorities lie and give you a better idea of what's really worth keeping. Plus, if multiple items hold the same memory or sentimentality, consider taking photos before storing the 'extras'. This way, you can still cherish the memory without the physical clutter.

Get To Decorating

Now it's time to show off our collection with purpose. This could mean creating a gallery wall of photos and mementos, using [shelves and displays to showcase collections](#), or incorporating sentimental items into your home decor. The key is to display them in a way that brings you joy, sparks conversation, and doesn't get in your way. Not only does this give your belongings purpose, but it also allows you to appreciate them rather than hiding everything away.

If you find yourself running out of space, consider discussing solutions customized to fit the space in your home through a [free consultation](#) with [The Closet Works](#) team of designers. This could include investing in [storage solutions that can double as displays](#), which will keep your treasured items safe and organized while adding a personal touch to your home. Be it a [wall to display your shoe collection](#) or [custom shelves](#) full of mementos, you can create your own mini-museum.

Conclusion

As [organization and storage solution experts](#), we're always finding new ways to create functional yet personal spaces. By embracing the concept of decluttering, we can focus on the things that matter most to us and create an environment that truly feels like home. In the end, it's all about finding the balance between clutter and organization that works for you.

If minimalism doesn't bring you joy, embrace your belongings and find pride in displaying them.