

QUICK SATURDAY KITCHEN REFRESH

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A quick Saturday kitchen refresh will always begin with the messiest spot...the junk drawer. Try to limit yourself to just one junk drawer. And remember, if though it has that name, it doesn't have to be chaos. It can be organized!

- Consider buying tiny tubs or a junk drawer organizer to help keep the items organized within the drawer.
- Pull the contents out piece by piece and sort them on the counter (batteries, pens, coupons, small tools, etc.)
- Only leave items there that you would use on a somewhat regular basis. (The special tool that came in the house to fix one item months ago needs to go back in the garage and so on.)
- Put drawer organizer in and put the sorted items in their new home!

Now, it's time to attack the food storage container turmoil! Bring out all the plastic food storage containers you have (remember to pull from the dishwasher, too).

- Begin sorting by size, nesting any that match.
- Match lids to each.
- Recycle the lids that don't have a bottom and the bottoms that don't have a lid.
- Make three groups of containers on the counter: large near each other, medium, and small.
- Then, consider the most you'll need for your biggest dinner. What numbers work for you? (Example: 4 large, 8 medium, 6 small) This allows for a couple to be in use in the frig or dishwasher.
- Purge "loner" sizes because nesting ones take up the least space.

Your goal is to have enough food storage containers, but an easy-to-find and manageable set.

It's time to take a look in the pantry at those chips and snacks. These two sections tend to have a lot of items. Consider getting tubs to house each of these sections. If you have all the chip bags in one tub, it is easier to pull it in and out to see what you have. Same with snacks. This also gives the pantry a better look when the chips and snacks are not loose and wild!

Having these three areas of your kitchen organized will feel so good when you need something from there!