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The vital role of storage



Dear Friends of Organised Chaos

Welcome to the April edition of **Chaotic Times!**

This month I make no apologies for revisiting my favourite subject of storage.

It's important for you to understand the role played by storage media in the war against clutter. After all, clutter is defined as 'a disorderly heap' or 'a state of disorder', but this doesn't necessarily mean you have surplus possessions. It might just be that you have either no storage, inadequate storage, or even inappropriate storage.

In order to remove that feeling of disorder it is important to choose storage media wisely. If you do need to declutter, make sure you do this first before assessing your storage needs. Otherwise, you will be planning to store your clutter - and that's not the object of the exercise!



Most people aren't in the position where they can simply rush out and buy all new storage. It has to be a case of making the best of what they've got, with perhaps one or two new key items that will really make a difference to the degree of clutter.

Remember, buying storage media on a whim or without proper planning can be more of a hindrance than a help. In fact, a useless set of shelves is basically just another piece of clutter - albeit a large one!

The bedroom shown above had only a tiny wardrobe and one chest of drawers as storage for clothes. Notice how the lack of appropriate storage has contributed to the cluttered nature of the room.



This kitchen cupboard was stuffed to bursting and driving its owner mad!

Only by emptying out the contents was it possible to decide whether the things could be reduced in order to fit - or whether they needed organising and re-housing elsewhere.



I hope these two examples have given you an idea of how storage must be considered in order to reduce clutter.

The situation becomes even more challenging when more than one room, or even the whole house is involved in the storage equation

It's at this point that clients often get in touch as they simply don't know how to start or what to do first.

The project can end up like one enormous jigsaw of 'things'. Sometimes it's a case of needing to move storage media around - even from one room to another. Equally, sometimes things are not located in the most appropriate room or storage space.



Six years experience working for a variety of clients means *my* mind is geared towards solving *your* clutter puzzles

Actually, a more accurate representation is probably to think of your home as a giant Rubic's Cube, because this particular 'puzzle' is a three-dimensional one!

Where to start?

Some clients find an **Organised Chaos Storage Review** is just what they need. This starts with me visiting your home and taking a look at the areas which are causing you a problem. Usually this takes about an hour for an average sized home.

We discuss ideas and I take some photographs. I then go away and research possible storage options to suit your lifestyle and tailored to your particular requirements.

I also make recommendations for which areas would most benefit from a decluttering session and suggest what tasks should take priority in order for you to achieve your goal. Where appropriate I also suggest tactics you can use to keep clutter to a minimum. All the ideas are presented in a PDF report.

This service is particularly suited to anyone who has more than one cluttered room and who wants to do some or all of the decluttering themselves, but with guidance.

If you're interested in a Storage Review then please get in touch for more information.

*Best regards,
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