

Chaotic Times

Organised Chaos Newsletter

"Helping you to
clear clutter and
feel -

Better!"

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'Spring-Cleaning'

Dear Friends of Organised Chaos

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

In future editions I hope to include useful articles, storage solutions, and tips for becoming more organised. Hopefully the content will prove to be interesting, not to mention entertaining; and of course I welcome any feedback or suggestions from readers.

To kick off, I thought I would start with the emotive subject of **'Spring-Cleaning'**. Does anyone still do this? With spring (hopefully) just around the corner, I thought I would conduct a small survey. The general consensus was – “we haven't got time!”



The origins of **'Spring-Cleaning'** date back to when houses were heated with wood and coal, and candles provided the only artificial light. We can count ourselves fortunate that our modern centrally heated homes don't get sooty, smoky or oily, and vacuum cleaners and washing machines generally keep the dirt at bay.

I'll be honest, I'm not keen on housework, and I don't think I'm alone. On the other hand, spring is a good time to have a major de-clutter. Brighter days seem to generate some enthusiasm in most people to have a good sort out.

Admittedly, you will probably end up doing some cleaning along the way; but I promise - the sense of satisfaction will be far greater than just flicking a duster over all your clutter!

Look at it this way; if you de-clutter, it makes housework so much easier and less time consuming. No more moving stuff around to vacuum and dust. You will have more time for yourself and you will feel better for it too – it makes sense doesn't it?



Reorganise your cleaning products!

Where do most people keep their cleaning items? Some are lucky enough to have the extra storage space provided by a utility room, the rest of us probably stow everything under the sink. This is such an awkward area, due to all the pipe work, it can end up quite a muddle of bottles, aerosol cans, dusters etc. I have a few suggestions below which you might find helpful.

First up is this chromed storage rack available from Scotts of Stow, mail order - telephone 0844 482 2800 or see www.scottsofstow.co.uk. Legs are height adjustable to make maximum use of your space and the bottom section pulls out as a basket, making items at the rear more accessible. Measures 10¼" x 13¾" x 17½". Price is £29.95 plus £4.95 post and packing.



The 'blurb' states that this item requires home assembly. I can't imagine this is too onerous, but if you have any concerns it's probably best to ask before ordering.



A simpler (and cheaper) option is Lakeland's Add-a-Shelf, priced at £11.73 it measures 18¼" x 9¾" x 6½". Available from www.lakeland.co.uk or telephone 015394 88100.

Also from Lakeland, this adjustable shelf unit, which they claim will fit any size of cupboard and round any plumbing fittings.

This gets mixed reviews on their website, but I have included it for its ingenious design. Somewhat flimsier than the more expensive product from Scotts of Stow but considerably cheaper at £18.59. Post and packing for all Lakeland orders over £50 is free, otherwise add an extra £4.25. Save the delivery charge by visiting one of the stores!



Well, that's all for this first edition, I hope you've enjoyed it!

*Best regards,
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