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Dear Friends of Organised Chaos

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

This month I'm tackling bathroom clutter. I'm sure I've mentioned before that I'm not exactly an enthusiast of dusting, so I try to keep my bathroom clutter free. I know lots of people like to display their fancy toiletries on shelves and racks in the bathroom, but they really are just a dust magnet. The combination of steam, towel fluff and dry skin will coat your lovely bottles and keep you busy on the cleaning front.

Why not adopt a more streamlined approach and save time when you clean? The perfect solution is a bathroom fitted out with vanity units where you can stow all those bottles and jars out of sight; but sadly, refitting your bathroom has rather a hefty price tag! Although of course, if you're planning a new bathroom anyway, make sure you consider storage.

I've been researching some alternatives for you.



First up is this four drawer [Shaker style storage unit from Argos](#) priced at £69.95. It's made of MDF and is self-assembly. There are several favourable reviews for this product and some variations available in the same style with either two or three drawers.

Below is a similar item from [Homebase](#) which was reasonably priced at £23.32 when I checked their website. Note, this is also flat packed for self-assembly.

I'm sure either of these would look a lot better in your bathroom than a selection of dusty bottles!

Click on the links for more details, including measurements. Always make sure you measure your space accurately before making a purchase.





This [under-sink storage unit](#) is also from Argos and priced at £49.99. It makes use of an awkward space that is normally wasted and is ideal for storing cleaning items or toilet rolls out of sight.

Regular readers will know that I am able to supply a range of '**Really Useful Boxes**' made of durable plastic. These are ideal in a damp bathroom environment and can be wiped clean. This storage tower contains 1 x 4L box and 3 x 9L boxes all with individual clip on lids. Overall dimensions are 400mm x 300mm x 730mm which includes 50mm for the castors. Cost is £38.00. Please contact me directly if you are interested, as there are other permutations available which I can order in specially.



Whatever your style preference, I would steer clear of the open metal shelf units often sold for bathroom storage, simply because the shelf unit itself becomes just another dust magnet!

It goes without saying, that before buying any of these storage solutions you need to go through your accumulated bottles of toiletries and bin any that you no longer use, or are past their best. There's no point taking up valuable space with stuff that doesn't get used. Plastic or glass packaging can of course be recycled.



Whilst you're reorganising your bathroom you might like to de-clutter your bathroom or medicine cabinet. It's very easy to harbour out of date medicines if your cabinet is cluttered. At the very least, these medicines will be ineffective - potentially they can be harmful. Also, if you need something in a hurry - what are the chances of finding it?



Before you go scurrying off to tip that ancient bottle of cough medicine down the bathroom basin - STOP! Think about the environment! Anything you tip down the plughole will ultimately end up in the water supply and soil. Please act responsibly and return unused medicines to your friendly pharmacist who will dispose of them appropriately.

I knew it was time to tackle my own bathroom cabinet and I can report that I've ousted one bottle of cough medicine, one tube of ointment, one prescription with my name on (can't even remember what it was for), and some Immodium capsules (bought for holiday emergencies). All these items were past their expiry dates.

Also, bear in mind that prescription medicines should only be used for the person they were dispensed for.

Well, I hope this has given you some ideas on how to save on cleaning time, if nothing else!

*Best regards,
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