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all you

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19 EASY NEW RECIPES
Try One Tonight!

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Dinner in Under 30 Mins.

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CREATE A TIDY

WORKSPACE

FOR TWO

Turn a basic bookcase—and some simple household stuff—into a cheery spot where you and a little one can get things done

STEP 1

Assemble the MAIN PIECES

TIME 2½ hours COST \$98

What you'll need

- White Linnmon tabletop, 59" L x 29½" W x 1½" thick (\$26; at Ikea)
- Yardstick
- Pencil
- Circular saw or handsaw
- 2 Adils legs, 27½" H (\$4 each; at Ikea)
- Phillips screwdriver
- Billy bookcase, 31½" W x 11" D x 79½" H (\$60; at Ikea)
- Velcro (\$4; at Staples)

1 Decide how far you want tabletop to extend from bookcase (we cut ours to 34"; bookcase is 11" deep, so the surface extends 23"). Measure and mark tabletop, then use saw to cut to size.

2 Find the predrilled holes on the bottom of tabletop, then use screwdriver and screws to attach legs.

3 Build bookcase according to instructions. Tabletop will rest on one of the shelves, so install one shelf using the preset holes 26¾" from the floor. Attach adhesive Velcro strips to the bottom of tabletop, near the raw edge. Slide tabletop in place, then gently press it onto the shelf so Velcro adheres.

TIP When selecting pieces for this project, look for a tabletop that is about ½ inch narrower than the inside width of the bookcase. Choose a bookcase with adjustable shelves that are strong enough to support the tabletop.





This Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
					CAMP ENDS
3	4	5	6 7-DINNER	7	8 KATE'S BDAY
10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18 SCHOOL STARTS!	19	20	21 PTA MEETING	22
24	25	26	27	28	29 7-FOOTBALL
					30

Keep track of everyone's schedule with an erasable calendar. Free Birds wall calendar (30" x 27"). BrownShades, \$43; etsy.com.



Carve out a spot for a preschooler to get busy coloring and tending to other important business.

Give your child a box to store his desk items in. It can help teach him organizing skills.



STEP 3

Bust that CLUTTER

Staying tidy is as simple as finding a system that works for you. Use these tips and helpers to get your affairs in order.



LIGHTEN THE MOOD

When you're setting up a work space, don't forget to inject a little fun—it helps prevent the tasks at hand from getting dreary. Bright colors and unusual shapes are two ways to keep things cheerful.

Fix It Fun tape dispenser, \$6; yoobi.com.

PURGE REGULARLY

Having trouble deciding what to keep and what to toss? Try this: Put everything that's on your desk into a box, like the ones shown below. Each time you reach into the box for something, leave that item on your desk. At the end of a week, find a permanent home for the things you used, and toss the rest (or store out of sight).

Document boxes (9" W x 12" L x 3¼" H), Whitmor, \$20 for 5; macys.com.



Color-coding your projects makes it easier to find what you're looking for.

Hang this wherever you clip coupons.



GRAB AND GO

Gather coupons and shopping lists in this hanging holder, then fold it up and take it with you when you're heading to the store.

Shopping organizer, \$18; greatusefulstuff.com.



PIN IT UP

Make a rotating display out of postcards, photos and mementos. Hang them using clothespin magnets.

Pinch 9-piece photo display, \$13; umbra.com.