

Homeschool With Huruuneen's

A Simple How-To Guide : Weekend Home Declutter & Organization



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Weekend Home Declutter & Organization Guide

Day 1: Saturday – Declutter Room by Room

Morning: Start with the Entryway & Living Room

- Throw Out:
 - Junk mail, old magazines, broken décor, and worn-out shoes.
- Donate/Recycle:
 - Coats or jackets not worn in over a year, duplicate scarves, unused décor.
- Organize:
 - Use baskets for keys/shoes, wall hooks for bags, and a tray for mail.

Midday: Kitchen

- Throw Out:
 - Throw out expired food, mismatched containers, and broken utensils.
- Donate:
 - Duplicate appliances, unopened pantry items you won't use.
- Organize:
 - Group pantry staples by category (grains, canned goods, spices).
 - Store baking items in clear containers.

Afternoon: Bedroom & Closet

- Throw Out:
 - Stained/torn clothes, lone socks, broken hangers.
- Donate:
 - Clothes not worn in the last 12 months, duplicate purses or shoes.
- Organize:
 - Hang by category (shirts, pants, dresses).
 - Use bins for accessories, and store out-of-season clothes in vacuum bags.

Evening: Bathroom

- Throw Out:
 - Throw out expired medicine, old makeup, and nearly empty bottles.
- Donate (if unopened):
 - Donate any toiletries that you won't be using.
- Organize:
 - Use drawer dividers for cosmetics.
 - Keep everyday items in a basket for easy access.



Day 2: Sunday – Organize & Seasonal Storage

Morning: Kids' Room / Office

- **Throw Out:**
 - Broken toys, dried markers, old school papers.
- **Donate:**
 - Toys/books not used in 6 months.
- **Organize:**
 - Use labeled bins for toys and shelves for books.

Midday: Storage Areas (Garage, Basement, Attic)

- **Throw Out:**
 - Rusty tools, broken furniture, boxes you haven't opened in years.
- **Donate:**
 - Duplicates (holiday décor, extra chairs).
- **Organize:**
 - Clear bins labeled by category (camping, sports, seasonal décor).

Afternoon: Seasonal Sorting

- **What to Store by Season:**
 - Winter: Heavy coats, boots, and holiday décor.
 - Spring/Summer: Lawn chairs, picnic supplies, and beach gear.
 - School Year: Backpacks, extra school supplies in a labeled box.
 - Ramadan/Eid: Store decorations and supplies separately for quick access.
- **How to Store:**
 - Use clear bins so you can see the contents.
 - Label everything by season and year ("Winter 2025–Coats").
 - Store vertically to save space.

Evening: Finishing Touches

- Do a quick sweep of every room.
- Light a scented candle or incense to mark a fresh start.
- Write a short list of what still needs follow-up (like deep cleaning or repairs).



Quick Rules for Decluttering

- 1-Year Rule: If you haven't used it in a year, donate or toss it. **NO EXCEPTIONS/NO EXCUSES**
- Duplicate Rule: Keep the best, donate the rest.
- Broken Rule: If you won't repair it this week, let it go.
- Sentimental Rule: Keep only what truly brings joy or holds meaning. This does not mean you keep baby clothing/items.

Storage by Need

- Daily Use: Keep accessible (e.g., cooking tools on counter).
- Weekly Use: Store nearby (e.g., vacuum in hall closet).
- Seasonal Use: Store in labeled bins in the attic/garage.
- Rare Use: Consider donating, or keep in long-term storage.
- Your refrigerator is not a shelf. **Clear it off!**

By Sunday night, your home will feel lighter, cleaner, and more functional—without dragging the process out for weeks.



10 Must-Do's & Don'ts for Decluttering and Organizing

Must-Do's

1. Start with Intention (Niyyah)—Remind yourself you're organizing to create a clean, peaceful environment for worship and family life.
2. Begin Small—Start with one drawer, one shelf, or one corner to avoid overwhelm.
3. Consider applying the One-Year Rule—If an item hasn't been used in the past year, it might be time to let it go.
4. Sort by Category – Clothes, books, papers, and kitchen items should each have their own place.
5. Consider donating with Ihsaan (Excellence) by giving away usable items to those in need, rather than allowing them to gather dust.
6. Label & Store Seasonally—Keep winter, summer, school, and Eid/Ramadan items in separate, labeled bins.
7. Keep Surfaces Clear—Aim for tidy countertops, tables, and prayer spaces to reduce mental clutter.
8. Declutter Before Buying—Remove old or unused items before bringing in new ones.
9. Involve the Family—Teach children responsibility by assigning them small decluttering tasks.
10. Maintain Daily Mini-Resets—Spend 10 minutes each evening resetting spaces to prevent clutter from piling up.



10 Don'ts for Decluttering and Organizing

Don'ts

1. Don't Hoard "Just in Case" Items – If you haven't used it in years, trust me, you won't.
2. Don't Mix Trash with Keep Items— Always separate as you go (trash, donate, keep).
3. Don't Skip Sentimental Sorting—Keep only meaningful items, **not everything**.
4. Don't Store Without Order—Don't be lazy! Your children are watching you take shortcuts. Avoid tossing things into random boxes or closets.
5. Don't Overbuy Organizers—**Declutter first**, then buy storage solutions you actually need.
6. Don't Procrastinate Repairs—Broken items that never get fixed create clutter.
7. Don't Cling to Duplicates—Keep one, donate the extras.
8. Don't Forget Expiration Dates – Medicines, makeup, food, and cleaning supplies all expire.
9. Don't Try to Do It All at Once—Pacing prevents burnout and helps you stay consistent.
10. Don't Ignore Spiritual Spaces – Prayer areas and Qur'an shelves deserve extra care and tidiness.

Islamic Reminder on Cleanliness

1. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Cleanliness is half of faith." (Sahih Muslim, 223)

Keeping our homes organized and clutter-free is not just practical but also part of living in accordance with our deen.

