

## College Dorm Hacks

Fitting nearly a year's worth of belongings in a college dorm room is one of the toughest organizational challenges out there. It is important to do your research on how to best accomplish this task, but no need to stress! We've already done it for you!

### ○ **Maximize Space Above and Below the Bed**

Most colleges have beds that can be raised or allow you to purchase bed risers. This way, you can store plastic bins, trunks, or drawers underneath and open up the rest of the room. To make the room feel even more organized, attach a bed skirt to hide all the storage bins. If the bed cannot be raised, add a shelf or rack to the space above!

### ○ **Stock Up on Closet Organizers**

Hanging cubbies are great for shoe, towel, or sweatshirt storage. Shoe racks and over the door organizers are also a must if space allows. Keep your clothes organized by sorting them by category, with dress clothes on the end to prevent wrinkling. If there is a shelf above your clothes rack, place the items you want stored up there in a clear plastic bin for easy access.

### ○ **Corral your Chargers**

Fishing for your phone charger when you are perched high up in your raised bed can be a pain. String the cable through a binder clip and attach it to the side of your bed.

### ○ **Command Hooks!!!**

Command hooks are a college student's best friend. You can hang anything up from your baseball hat collection to holiday lights. Have a variety of packs on hand in case you ever decide to redecorate throughout the year.

### ○ **Sealable Food Storage**

Snacking is a big activity in college, but you don't want your room to become infested with bugs or worse. Keep all food items in a bin with a lid so that nothing will be attracted to it.

### ○ **Roll Clothes to Save Space**

Storage at school is especially difficult in between seasons when one day calls for a sweater but the next day calls for shorts. Roll your clothes or place them in your dresser vertically to maximize space and prevent wrinkles.

### ○ **Bathroom Organization**

Regardless of if you have a communal bathroom or just share a bathroom with a few roommates, shower caddies are the best for keeping your toiletries all in one place. Adding shelves for each of your roommates' belongings in a suite style bathroom is also a great idea to stay organized.

### ○ **Hanging Jewelry Organizer**

Make accessorizing easier by putting a cork board on the wall and hanging up the necklaces with push pins. No more scrambling to untangle jewelry when you're already in a rush!



○ **Label Cords with Bread Tabs**

Outlets are hard to come by in dorm rooms, so you will often have many similar looking cables plugged into a singular power strip. Collect bread tabs and use them to label each cord so you know which is which.

○ **Dry-Erase**

Budgeting your time is important in college. Weekly or monthly dry erase calendars are smart to have in a dorm room to keep track of extracurricular activities, study sessions, and other events. In addition, get creative by using a picture frame and a dry-erase marker to keep a to-do list on your desk. It looks cute and will remind you to complete your tasks!

○ **First Aid and Medicine Drawer**

Designating a medicine drawer or container is a smart idea for both you and your roommate. College during flu season is one of the most treacherous times of the year. Make it bearable by being prepared. Always have different types of cold medicine on hand and be sure to take vitamins daily to boost your immune system. In addition to medicine, keep tissues, bandages, and other first aid supplies in the drawer, too.

○ **Optimize Vertical Space with Storage Towers**

Plastic storage towers are very convenient and come with or without wheels in all different shapes and sizes. Choose one or more that fit your storage needs and label each drawer based what you fill it with.

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