



COMMAND PERFORMANCE

A clutter cleanse and clever storage solutions turned this family's once-messy dining room into an efficient, multifunctional space.

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SURPLUS STUFF

The room's previous furniture, *above right*, was burdened with items that rarely got used. Clearing out the excess helped simplify the space down to the daily essentials.

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HIDDEN GOODS

The dining room's new 36-inch-wide cabinets, *above*, are positioned on either side of French doors and feature beaded-board doors that conceal office and crafting supplies.

HOME HUB

The custom-built cabinet, *opposite*, near the front door creates a landing area for keys, packages, and mail. A dry-erase board passes along messages and reminders.



THE CATCHALL SPACE: It can shine as a super-functional powerhouse or flop as a colossal mess. This dining room acted as a home office, drop zone, crafts center, display area, and entertaining place, but it couldn't meet all these needs gracefully. With overworked furniture and overflowing clutter, the room begged for a better solution. The homeowner focused on replacing the mismatched furniture with coordinating cabinets featuring pullout drawers. These two hardworking stations handle paperwork and stash entertaining and crafting supplies out of sight, allowing the space to manage its many jobs with style.

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STREAMLINED FUNCTION

Jumbled cords and disorganized drawers in the dining room's former cabinets felt chaotic. Pullout drawers now improve accessibility, *below*, and individual containers make miscellaneous office supplies easy to find.

**STASH SMART**

Max out your storage capabilities by selecting the right container.

**WIRE BASKETS**

Open containers keep papers, files, and other key items in view.

**REFRIGERATOR BINS**

Clear fridge organizers with grooved bottoms ensure items stay upright.

**BAMBOO INSERTS**

The stackable squared-off sides on these boxes help bring order to drawers.

**CLOSE AT HAND**

High-use items such as eyeglasses and sticky notes are accessible in a wire sorter on top of one of the cabinets, *top right*. Pretty file folders labeled with each family member's name attractively organize paperwork.

TRIPLE TIERS

Three full-extension drawers provide storage inside each cabinet. The top drawer, *above*, holds office necessities, the middle drawer stores arts-and-crafts materials, and the third stows supplies for banking and mailing.

CRAFTY CONTENTS

Paint bottles are placed upside-down in plastic fridge bins, *opposite*, to display colors and keep the paint ready to squeeze. A vintage wooden toolbox with a handle creates a grab-and-go caddy for more art supplies.





DRESS IT UP

An old dresser, *left*, offered lots of storage space, but overcrowded drawers diminished efficiency. The new cabinet features pullout drawers for entertaining items, paper products, table linens, and china and serving pieces.

DISH IT OUT

Platters that previously sat unused at the bottom of a china cabinet are now stacked vertically for quick access, *below left*. The top two drawers are positioned close together to create more room for tall platters.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Expandable drawer dividers create custom compartments within the pullout drawers, *below*. These bamboo inserts, *inset*, adjust easily to fit and are held in place with rubber pads.



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ROOM WITH FLAIR Smart storage inside the cabinet leaves plenty of room to display collectibles up top, *above*. Frames, floating shelves, and baskets now show off the owner's ironstone and bottle collections, which used to be packed away in a closet. Labels inside the cabinet, *inset*, designate where each type of item resides, helping the family find what they're looking for and put things away.

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