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## ORGANIZE YOUR CREATIVE SPACE CHEAT SHEET

### SNAPSHOT:

Most of us who are creatives probably have at least some scatterbrain tendencies because our brains are always thinking of ideas and jumping from thing to thing, but because of this it's really easy for our offices and craft rooms to get busy and cluttered and full of stuff, which makes them feel really overwhelming to organize. Abby gives you great tips to break this cycle and helps you get your creative spaces organized and keep them organized!

### QUICK TIP:

If you find yourself avoiding a certain part of your creative space or you hate getting out certain supplies because it's difficult or overly complicated, that's a pretty good sign that your organizing systems could use some tweaking.

### WHAT ABBY HAS TO SAY:

*"I love my family to pieces, but I also like to sneak away to my own little spot sometimes and a creative space like a home office or craft room is perfect for that. And it's even better when it's organized.."* ~ Abby Lawson

### TAKEAWAYS:

- 1) If you are going to organize your creative space, you need to figure out exactly what you're working with so you will know what types of storage pieces you need. You can do this by putting all like items together.
- 2) If there are items in your creative space that

are still in good condition, but you don't have any use for them anymore, donate them to a thrift store, camp or shelter. Your extra supplies could be a real blessing.

- 3) If you need more places to store your stuff, consider maximizing the closet space you already have by adding a closet system or putting in some sort of closet-like structure.
- 4) Think of cleanup as part of the project that you need to complete before you can move on, rather than a separate task that you can worry about later. You are much more likely to follow through and close the loop completely if you do this.

### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) When you feel overwhelmed and don't know how to get started, begin by getting rid of the trash. Getting rid of things that are broken or no longer usable is typically an easy decision to make because we're not emotionally invested in those things.
- 2) Declutter like crazy - and be brutal here!
- 3) Make a list of all the items you need to store in your creative space and then think about what type of storage items you will need.
- 4) Use bins, baskets and storage pieces that you already have as much as possible. Don't immediately go out and buy things.