

Honey, it's Hectic!

Clutter Free by Busy Bee- Hive Hacks

In the whirlwind that is life, your hive might get a little hectic. Here's some Busy Bee hacks to help you balance your beehive! Note: For these hacks to be effective, the whole swarm must participate! Get your baby bees and spouses on board with your system. Help them handle these new ideas by being the example! Everyone is capable of decluttering.

1) Building your Beehive: If you're in the process of building your beehive, remember that some belongings simply bring clutter. As you bring more items into your home, try asking yourself:

“Do I already have one of these?”

“Do I need multiple of this item?”

“Does this item (or it's potential replacement) have sentimental value?”

“Where did I receive/discover this item? Why do I have it?”

“Is this item broken, cracked, chipped, or otherwise damaged?”

If you have too many of one belonging, remember to hold on to the ones that are most sentimental, useful, or memorable. Do not keep belongings that are broken, hidden in a corner, or never used.

2) Home Sweet Home: All of your belongings should have a permanent home. If there isn't space in that cupboard for all the mugs, the old, chipped, or never used mugs should be placed in retirement (which does not mean a box in the garage). Shoes should have cubbies or closets, car keys should have hooks or bowls, clothes should be hung or folded, and dog toys need a basket. You'd be surprised how little you lose when everything has a home and everything stays in its home!

3) Buzz around BEEing clean: Each time you take something out of its home, replace it when you are done. By putting one thing away at a time directly after you use it, there is no possibility for clutter! Once you have taken that first, very hard step (the initial clean), routine is essential. When you walk in the door, hang your coat, purse and keys. Remove your shoes and place them in the bin, cubby or closet. Immediately empty your lunchbox. When you take clean laundry out of the dryer, hang and fold it. When you take dirty laundry off your body, place it directly in the hamper. Think about it. If everything has a home and everything is in its home... you'll feel at home.

4) Busy as a Bee: Now, I know what you're thinking. I walk in my door and am bombarded with homework questions from my kids! Or, I must feed my iguana right when I come home. I'm still on a phone call for work when I come through the door and have to go straight to my desk. In order to keep your home clean, your home must be a priority. It must be a routine. When you walk through the door and take two, maybe three minutes to place your belongings in their homes, you avoid hours of potential organizing on a Saturday. One day of mess takes all of 10 minutes to clean. One week of mess takes a whole day to clean. So, take your two minutes when you walk through the door. Take your ten minutes at the end of the day. Prioritize your home for two minutes, and watch your free time grow.

5) Finally, a Breath: Remember that keeping your home clean can change your life. Decluttering your home will declutter your mind. Taking care of your space is taking care of yourself. Breathe the fresh air in your clean space. Appreciate your hard work and where it has gotten you. Love the progress that you and your home have made together. Admire the wonder that is being clutter free.

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