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Tips on Organizing Children's Toys

- Get down on the floor and look at space from a child's view. You want them to know how to put their toys away easily.
- Involve the child, use this as a teachable activity.
- Put puzzle pieces in zip bags with either clear or mesh front, so that you can see what is in the box.
- Label shelves and containers with the item and a picture. Easier for little ones to clean up.
- Over the door shoe holder is a great way to organize toys, craft supplies and dolls.
- Plastic Boxes with lids from Dollar Store are a great way to store Legos, you can see in the bottom. For older children you can even sort by colors.
- Sort, Store and Simplify! Sort through the child's toys and clothes, store the things they do not use and simplify the amount of toys. If they no longer play with toys and books, put them in storage so that they have more space.
- Magnetic Knife Strips are a great way to store matchbox cars.
- Have a shelf just for books and have children always put them up.
- Have a large storage container for children's artwork, so that you can save it. It often gets lost in the shuffle if you do not put it away.
- Use a mesh laundry bag to clean toys. Fill it up and then soak in bath tub, run through dishwasher cycle or washing machine.
- Organize from the bottom up when working in a child's room.
- Remember to allow for them to be independent by making sure they can get to their favorite toys and put them away by themselves.
- Have a catch all basket where you can put items until you can put them in their right spot.
- Give away or donate toys when your child is through with them.

Pick Up

Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Pick up, pick up, pick up toys,
Every little girl and boy.
Look around and you will see,
All the things that shouldn't be.
Pick up, pick up, pick up toys,
Every little girl and boy.



Kool-aid FOAM Recipe

Dish soap ~ Kool-Aid packets
(without sugar)~ Water ~ Food
Color

Method

In a large bowl combine 1/4 cups of water with a hefty squirt of dish soap (no need to measure). Add one Kool-Aid packet and mix on high for 1-3 minutes using an electric mixer. The longer you mix the fluffier the foam will become.



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