

# Week 6: Toys

If you don't have kids, or if you have older kids who don't have toys, you're done & I hope you're enjoying a little bit more of an organized existence. Now you can take all of your donations to their various new homes, kick back & enjoy your "new" home!

We touched on toys briefly in Week 3, but kids toys seem to be a constant struggle to keep organized. Probably because there's just so many of them! Of course the easiest thing to do is have a "1 Toy at a Time" policy, but that is way easier said than done! What's a little easier is more of a "Put It Away or Lose It" policy. We'll get to that at the end. ;)

Having ample toy storage is half the battle, so hopefully you have some you can use or you've been able to pick up some storage items over the past few weeks. Bookshelves with bins are great for storing small toys, collections, art supplies and games, in addition to books. Rubbermaid bins or toy chests are great for larger items like race tracks, smaller doll houses, Barbie cars and Hot Wheels boxes, in addition to stuffed animals.

Start by sorting everything into categories: toys, animals, books, games, movies, crafts, etc. All outdoor toys should be out in your garage or shed. If this isn't possible, store them in a bin in your basement until spring.

Keeping everything categorized, put things away in whatever way makes the most sense to you. If you have a table dedicated for board games & crafts, keep those items on a bookshelf near the table. Things like stuffed animals & other "quiet toys" can stay in bedrooms, but having play toys in an area other than a bedroom really helps you stay on top of the mess.