How to win the space race

De-clutter your wardrobe each year.

If you haven't worn an item for three years, you most probably won't wear it, so give it to someone who can use it. Seldom-used clothes take up 80 per cent of our cupboard space.

If you're hanging onto an item because it reminds you of a special moment, take a photo of the item and reclaim the space.

Buy attractive boxes to match your bedroom colours to store cards. scarves, stockings and perfumed soaps. Buy storage containers only after you've assessed what you need and measured the area carefully.

Rotate seasonal clothes to help manage the overflow. Store out-of-season clothes in another wardrobe. storage containers or sealable space bags.

Place shoes in pairs with the toes out so your wardrobe looks like a classy department store.

 File magazines and bulky paperwork in magazine holders and boxes instead of hanging files. Organise magazines by title then date (some boxes can hold two years' supply of your favourite magazine). Mix and match colours to coordinate with room colours.

Separate photo packs with cardboard dividers and label dividers with professional printer labels from a label machine, or handwrite with beautiful handwriting and a colourful pen. Cull the not-so-perfect photos and attach negatives to the back of the divider.

Create a memorabilia box for every member of the family so you'll have a place to store all keepsakes. Store your favourite cards and letters, treasured mementos from your children and anything that's special to you and your world. Encourage family members to do the same.

Hang a pomander Ifragrant ball) in your wardrobe with a hint of your favourite perfume or essential oil. Très feminine!

Clear off your bedside table and store recipes, fabric samples and newspaper clippings in specially designed folders. When they're in one place they'll never be lost again.

 Buy large storage baskets to store handbags, bulky knitwear, perfume and makeup. Separate smaller items into groups such as makeup supplies and perfume bottles.

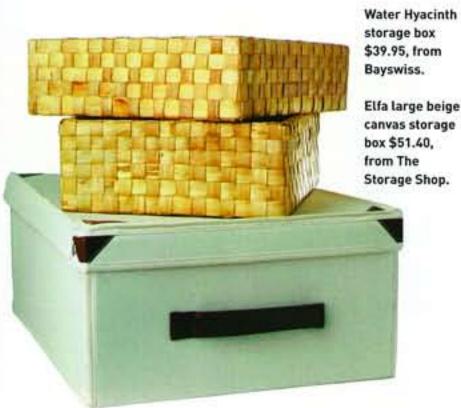
The bedroom is where we do a lot of thinking. Blu-Tak a black sheet of paper to your wardrobe door or wall and write a "to do" list in white pen. Cross off each item as it is achieved and throw away the paper at the end of

each week Make space for your special things and splurge on some linen water and a gorgeous china bowl for your jewellery.

DIY storage solutions

There's a place - and a space - for everything if you know where to look







Elfa chrome basket \$29.40, and white plastic drawer cubicle \$21, both from The Storage Shop.

plastic drawer unit \$49, from

Lillian striped canvas hanging organiser \$19, from IKEA.



Seagrass storage tray boxes, extra large \$34.95 and large \$27.95, from Bayswiss.

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Wood and chrome shoe rack \$91, from The Storage Shop.