

Create a utility nook for carefree clean-ups

Create a home utility nook to keep all your cleaning materials together where you and your household helpers can find them instantly.

Clean-ups after garden work, barbecues and other springtime activities can go quickly and easily when supplies are all together — and everyone knows the location.

The spot you choose can be virtually anywhere — a closet, laundry room, basement, etc. — as long as pets and small children can't get to it. As little as two feet of wall space can offer a lot of storage.

Here are some ideas to get you started putting together a handy utility headquarters:

- Mount a large piece of pegboard on the wall and hang various length brooms, sponge mops, even your ironing board, on hooks.

- Install shelves to hold detergents,

waxes, cleaning fluids and other cans, bottles or boxes. You can put the shelves on or alongside the pegboard or both, just as long as they are out of reach of children.

- Include a rechargeable hand vac and rechargeable light that can be mounted on the wall. Norelco has a new two-in-one unit with dual function recharging base that runs both vac and spotlight. Crevice tool and upholstery brush are included and can be stored in their own wall mount caddy.

The vac is ideal for spills of soap powder, tracked-in dirt and sand, and plenty of other dirty tasks. A quick switch of attachments converts the same unit into a super bright spotlight for trips to the attic or basement, or to help you see dirt in dark, hard-to-get-to places like behind the refrigerator.

- Store hooks, thumbtacks, clothespins and other household sundries in coffee cans covered with decorative self-stick plastic. Fill as many cans as you need to eliminate the contents of messy "junk drawers."

- Put together a spot and stain remover kit in a box or plastic crate. Include a stain removal chart, detergent, presoak product, pretreatment spray, bleach, baking soda, white vinegar, turpentine, mineral water and a stiff brush for when scrubbing is required. Store on a shelf or hang from hooks on the pegboard.

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