

Maximizing Limited Space
 Reimagine Small Spaces to Include
 Home Offices, Remote Learning, and
 Increased Storage

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Solutions for Small Spaces

- I specialize in solutions for small spaces
 - ❖ Apartments with multi-function rooms
 - ❖ No garages, basements, or attics
- When the pandemic started, outside activities moved into the home
 - ❖ Working, schooling, exercising . . . all at once!
 - ❖ Even larger homes were not set up for this
 - ❖ All spaces are now small spaces

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My Small-Space Cred

- Native New Yorker
- Never lived in a house
 - ❖ Studio, One-bedroom, Two-bedroom apartments
- Currently own and live in a 2-bedroom apartment with husband and 23-year old
 - ❖ 1,200 square feet (allegedly)

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Working and Learning from Home

According to Gallup Poll in Oct. 2020:

- 58% of U.S. workers are working at home at least some of the time
 - ❖ 33% always + 25% sometimes

According to U.S. Census Bureau in Aug. 2020:

- Almost 93% of households with school-age children report some form of distance learning during Covid-19

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Ideal WFH Conditions

- Each person has their own private space with a door
- Each space has an ample work surface, suitable chair, good Wi-Fi, space for office supplies
- Nobody needs to walk through someone else's space
- Sound does not travel between rooms

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WFH Reality

- 23% of Americans live in apartments (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014)
- 33% of American homes are < 1,500 sq. ft. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2007)
- A two-bedroom apartment has an average living space of 1,006 square feet. (Rentcafe.com, 2018)

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My WFH Experience

- I've had a home office in my living room since 2006
 - ❖ When Covid-19 started, I did only Virtual Organizing
 - ❖ All-day NAPO board meetings via Zoom
- My husband frequently worked from home at the dining room table when writing
 - ❖ Now he also teaches and has meetings from home
- My daughter worked in an office
 - ❖ She pivoted to working from her bedroom

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WFH Problems

- My husband and I were at opposite ends of the same room
 - ❖ We couldn't have meetings at the same time
 - ❖ Another person's talking is distracting
- My husband moved to my daughter's room when he had a meeting or was teaching
 - ❖ My daughter would relocate to our bedroom

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WFH Solutions

- Rooms must serve multiple functions
- Maximize the furniture you already have
- Add minimal furniture where needed
- Don't sacrifice décor
- Minimize visual clutter

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General Tips for Multi-Function Rooms

- Divide the room into zones
 - Remember Kindergarten?
- Pull furniture away from the wall where possible
- Use area rugs and lighting to define separate spaces
- Include storage to support the activities that take place in the room

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Example of A Multi-Function Room



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Real Life Example: My Living Room



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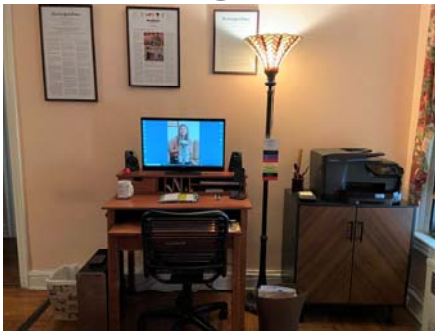
Home Office in the Corner



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My Home Office



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Creating a Temporary Home Office

- Work surface that isn't bulky
 - ❖ Maybe a folding desk
- Closed storage to hide office supplies and paper
- Redeploy existing furniture
- Consider a desk/Murphy bed combo to turn a guest room into an office
 - ❖ Resource Furniture has great options

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Resource Furniture: LGM Desk View



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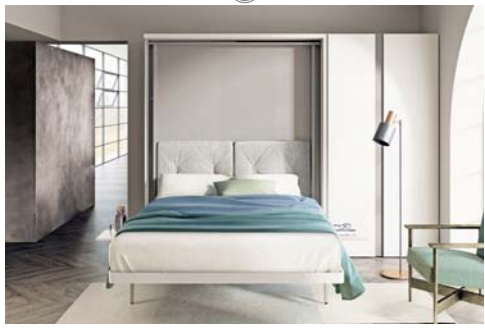
Resource Furniture: LGM Transformation



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Resource Furniture: LGM Bed View

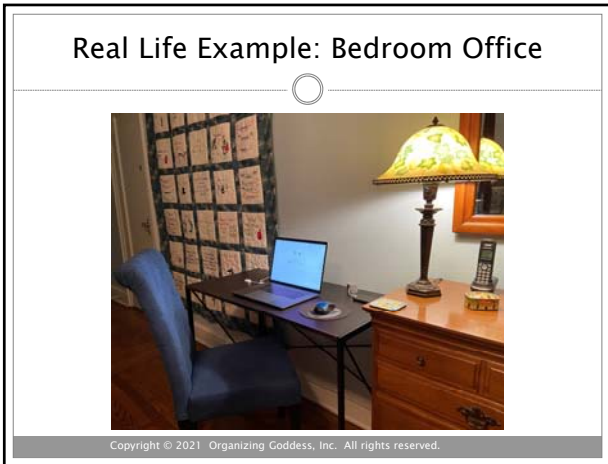


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Home Office Shouldn't Ruin Your Décor

- Buy home furniture instead of office furniture
 - ❖ Match colors and styles
- Keep desktops clear
- Redeploy existing furniture by:
 - ❖ Adding drawer organizers to end tables
 - ❖ Adding storage boxes to bookcases
- Use power strips and cord covers

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Real Life Example: Desk Chair



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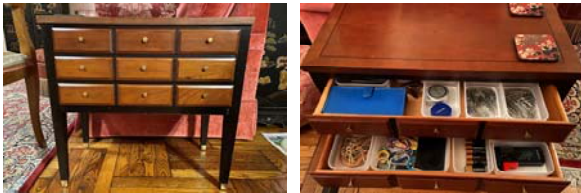
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Real Life Example: Drawer Organizers



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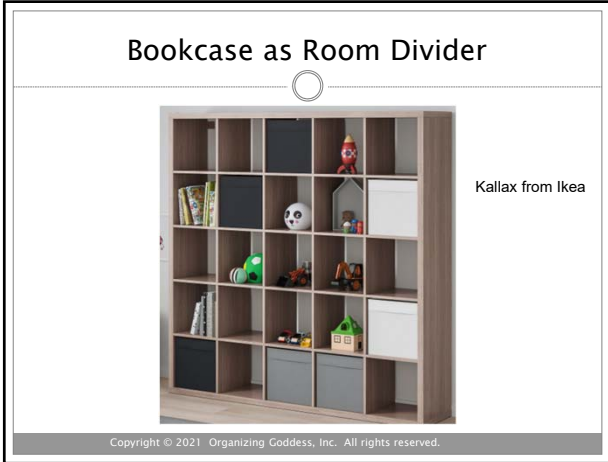
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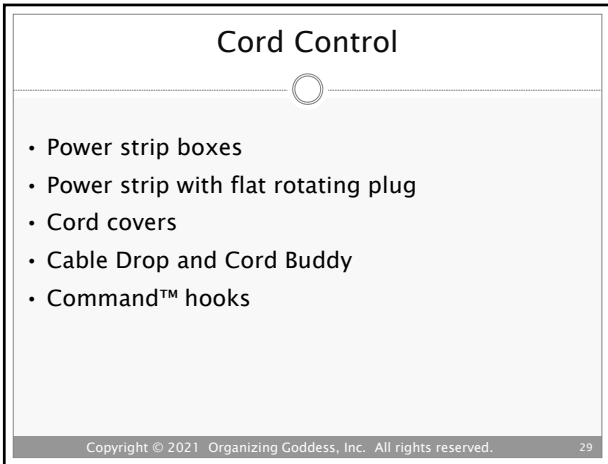
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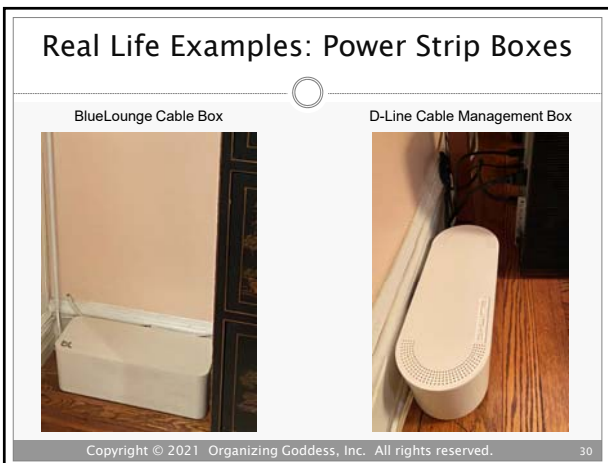
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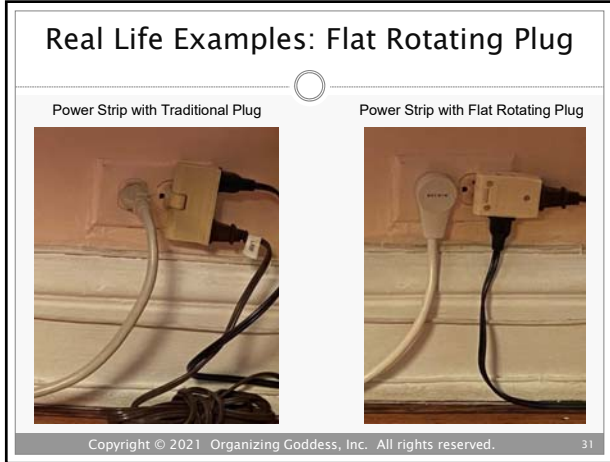
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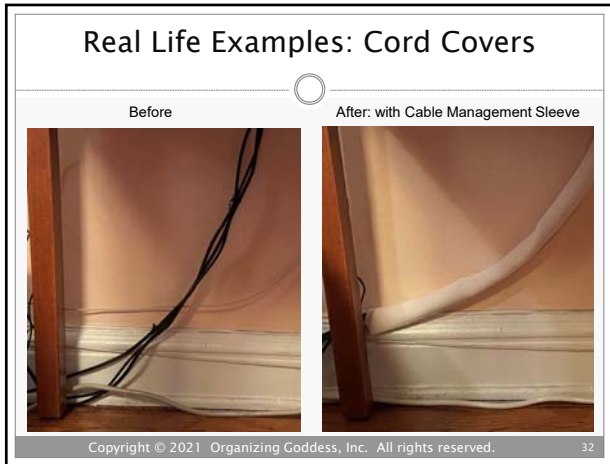
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Real Life Examples: Cord Covers

Wiremold Floor Cord Management Kit



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Cord Organizers for the Desk

Cord Buddy BlueLounge Cable Drop and Mini



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Control Cords with Command™ hooks

- Hang headsets, earphones, and small ring lights
- Hang wrapped cords
- Keep cords flat with Command™ Cord Clips



Command™ Clear Round Cord Clips

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WFH Privacy

- Use a Zoom background
- Set up a folding screen behind you
- Use earphones to minimize noise

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Working Out from Home

- Use existing furniture to store small items
 - ❖ Weights, resistance bands, jump ropes
- Buy folding exercise equipment
 - ❖ Treadmill, bike
- Put large equipment in less-viewed places
- Don't buy it if you're not going to use it!
- Watch free on-line classes, or FaceTime a Personal Trainer

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Real Life Example: Storage for Weights



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Real Life Example: Exercise Bike




My daughter's new exercise bike is in her bedroom in a corner that you can't see when you first walk in.

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Storing Pandemic-Related Paraphernalia

- Hang masks from hooks near the door
- Put a pump bottle of hand sanitizer in entryway
 - ❖ Use it to refill smaller bottles



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Real Life Example: Masks by the Door



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In Conclusion

- Working and Schooling from Home can be accomplished by applying lessons from small space organizing:
 - ❖ Creating multi-functional spaces
 - ❖ Limiting visual clutter
 - ❖ Redeploying existing furniture
 - ❖ Adding minimal additional furniture as needed

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