

How to Space Save in Student Accommodation



'Neat' and 'orderly' are two words you rarely hear together concerning the day to day life of a university student. Students, renowned for being messy beasts are happy to sift through piles of clothes strewn all over the floor until the mess becomes so bad, floor space can no longer be seen. Yet, the minority of students will prefer to find permanent homes for their belongings which do not equate to the corners of their room, but in the process, will often face trouble in finding the space. To make sure the "shoe fits", I have included some important slices of information to ensure you make the most out of your living [space](#) whilst avoiding the renowned brandishing of being 'a stereotypical student'.

Door Space

Effective storage means making the most out of every inch of available space, even [the back of your door](#). A door rack can help you find a home for shoes, books and hair appliances that you would otherwise stash in a drawer or on the floor of your wardrobe.

Laundry Basket

Don't just toss your dirty clothes in the corner. Instead, invest in a laundry basket. Make sure that the basket is tall rather than wide to minimise valuable floor space. A tall woven white wash design will be easy on the eye and will brighten up your room. Wilko has a very [affordable basket](#) that fits

the bill perfectly.

Pen and Stationery Holders

To optimise your space, a standard pencil case may not cut it, but a stationery holder will organize your academic belongings into one neat and tidy display. IKEA has some [great options](#) at student-friendly prices.

Wall Space

Use blu-tack or pins on the walls of student rooms and you will be sure to get a roasting in no time. Don't worry, though, as there is an alternative. [Buy some 3M Command](#) before you set off for University, so that you can put pictures on the walls, without taking up space on the window sill or your desk.

Bed Organisers

Bed organisers are a brilliant alternative to bedside tables. They can hold glasses, headphones, and other items like books, iPods and toiletries, right by the bed so they're easy to reach.



(Image Source: Pinterest – sold by PBteen - <http://www.pbteen.com/>)

Storage Boxes

At the risk of sounding like your Mum, storage boxes really are the answer. Piling your stuff randomly, wherever you can find some space, will just look a mess and will slowly drag your mood down. Stacking the pile neatly into sensible [storage boxes](#) will have it sorted in no time. Don't be tempted to skimp on storage boxes - choose your sizes wisely, and buy as many as you can - then

take an hour or two to sort through all your possessions, get a system going, and get it all stowed away. In no time, your room will be de-cluttered and organised.

Removable Hooks

Removable hooks are clever gadgets that attach to a wall or door using special adhesive, to provide hanging space for coats, towels and dressing gowns. With some of these in play, you'll free up valuable space in the wardrobe for other stuff.

Hanger Connectors

[Hanger connectors](#) are a great way to make more space in your wardrobe whilst still keeping a uniform and tidy look. Only use them if your wardrobe is tall enough to avoid your clothes dragging on the bottom of the wardrobe floor. If you do have a short wardrobe, use hanger connectors with clips, to clip up your longer items.

Drawer Dividers

These are fantastic for separating your socks from your delicates, your gym gear from your everyday clothes. This little organisational piece of kit is what spacing saving dreams are made of. [Houzz](#) has found some nifty drawer dividers for the kitchen but we say they're just as useful for the bedroom or desk storage.

Remember, your living space at university is precious, and you need to make sure that there is enough space for all of your academic work as well as making it a space to feel like a home from home environment. Make sure to take advantage of every inch of it. Be creative, yet innovative and make sure that your space is free from clutter in a personalised style.

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