



The SunnyLIFE Avalon Directors Chair is a bright and fun seating option that can be used indoor or outside. Available from David Jones for \$69.95.

3. Homework area

If your kids are at school, the activity centre might include a desk for homework. It's important to set up a quiet, comfortable and organised area for schoolwork. There are some great space savers available now that can act as a desk, shelves, baskets for storage and hooks for clothes.

4. Age

Set up the room according to age. Younger children like open bins on low shelves or the floor for easy cleanup and storage. Older children can use drawers, underbed storage, shelves, pegs and pegboards, but items should still be within easy reach.



These cute Belle & Boo Wall Stickers from Lark (RRP \$32) are a nice way to dress up an otherwise stark white wall, without going to the trouble of painting. Available from Lark: www.larkmade.com.au



These funky toothbrush holders suction to the tiles and are a great way to get kids excited about bathroom duties! A bargain at \$8.95 each from Howards: www.hsw.com.au

5. Big toy boxes?

Avoid using large toy boxes as a storage solution as what's out of sight is rarely used. Sort toys into groups (dolls, dinosaurs, trucks) and stash in smaller baskets, bins or boxes.

6. Labels

If you're using smaller containers, label everything. You could use photos of the items inside for labelling young children's toy bins. Older children who can read can create their own labels on the computer, or cut out words from magazines.



7. Containers

Have containers around the house for easy pickup and transfer. Even if you have a separate playroom, toys will invade your entire house (and car). Do a quick cleanup each night (or at the end of the week for cars) and take the toys back to the play area for proper storage. This is a great activity for teaching kids about responsibility.

8. Clean up rules

Enforce cleanup rules and rewards. Learning to put things away and stay organised takes time and practice (even for grown-ups). Children need adult help to learn new habits, so be consistent with expectations and routines.



This Organisation Station from Howards is a study system that can evolve throughout the school years. Available in white or platinum, freestanding or fixed to the wall, the Organisation Station includes a desk, shelves, drawers, hanging space and plenty of storage options. RRP as shown is \$2021.70: www.hsw.com.au

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