

Organizing Café:

October 12, 8-2 PM.

Maintain & Contain your Home Office seminar at GCIT. Free admission by calling 262-4101.

October 2 (Mondays): Addicted to Decorating 4 part Night School.

Consider This:

Of 102 professional organizers surveyed, we had between 8 and 148 pairs of shoes. The average was 38, which was close to 30 as the average number of shoes a woman owns, according to a USA Today study.

Allison Carter, NAPO member

I personally own 29 pair, including cycling shoes!

Reduce dirt, chemicals, allergens, and cleaning time by leaving shoes at the entry way. Paired with a good quality door mat, your floors will stay cleaner and healthier longer.

Shoe Madness

When I was a kid, one thing was a sure bet. Come September, I'd be getting at least one pair of nice new shoes. I no longer have that seasonal trigger, but I still have shoes to store and care for.

If you don't have time or energy to clear your whole closet, start with shoes. In this issue, you'll find some creative ways to tame those that run loose in your closet!

Searching for a Mate...Sneaker or Loafer

- Contain shoes in a shoe cubby unit. Some sit on the floor and others hang as part of a storage unit. Some hold individual shoes, while others store pairs together.
- Clear plastic boxes are a good option if you have an abundance of shelf space. Space shelves close enough that only two boxes are stacked. If not, getting to the bottom pair becomes dangerous.
- Shoe shelves, usually mesh wire, are an especially good option for a small amount of vertical unused wall space in a closet.
- If you are lucky enough to have an extra closet or a blank wall in the garage/mudroom, consider installing shelving for shoes. It is convenient, and can be a feature when selling your home.
- My least favorite solution: Over the door shoe pockets. Made of fabric or plastic, these tend to squash shoes, gather dust, hold relatively small amounts, and eventually can pull the door away from its hinges.

Simple Tip: Many dry cleaners offer expert shoe shining and repairs for both men & women.

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