

Organizing Café:

Decorating for Real People

Be inspired to create immediate beauty this spring in your home! April 16, 23, & 30, 7-9 PM

Home Staging: Selling Your Home for More in Today's Market. April 26, 7-9 PM, both at [Haddonfield Adult School](#).

Pre-registration required.

Child's Play...

Something tells me that my business will be doing a few more projects that involve children. I've been told that they change everything, as if that was a surprise. If you are challenged by the stuff that another person (even a very small one) brings to the table, take heart with these hints.

Consider This:

God gave each of us different gifts. I wouldn't think of fixing my own plumbing or executing a complex contract without expert advice.

If color, decorating, and organizing aren't your gift, no problem! Find a class (see above), read the latest trend magazine, bring in a talented friend or hire a professional.

Otherwise Known As Kid's Stuff...

- Kids generate an enormous amount of paper. Before it catches you off guard, or buries you, decide to create a space for their stuff. Remember that whatever categories you have will change many times over their life, so expect to flow with the change. Whatever files you already have (medical, school records, vital records) should be revamped and augmented to include them!
- Schools were really invented to create paper at home. The best item I've found for safekeeping kids' keepsakes is www.schoolfolio.com. Choose "HeartWork Organizing" under the Affiliate Sales Order drop down for an additional discount.
- Remember that kids don't come with an "enough-meter", so parents need to help them choose and edit. Help kids to learn the value of containerizing. Even if the toys aren't always in their containers, they should all fit when need be. If this isn't your skill, get help from a professional organizer.
- Remember, organizing is about finding what you want when you want it, not being too structured or deprived. Kids benefit from reduced stress and easy access to favorite toys, too!

Simple Tip: Think of staying organized as modeling an important life skill for your children.

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