

#STEPHING challenge



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WEEK TWO LINEN CLOSET

WELCOME! I am so excited to bring you week 2 of the #STEPHING CHALLENGE. This week we will be focusing on your linen closet. This section of the house can often be forgotten, and overtime you can accumulate a lot of bedding and towels you no longer need.

Lets get into it!



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STEP ONE - *cull*



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Time to pull out EVERYTHING in your linen closet and start sorting into piles; keep, donate and throw. When deciding either to keep or donate bedding you need to ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I used this in the past 3 months?
- For the size of our family do we need this many towels/ bedding sets?
- Then allocate 2 sets of bedding/towels for guests (if needed/ works for your home).

STEP TWO - *donate or throw*



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Now it is time to donate or throw any bedding/towels that you don't need! Some great places you can donate any old bedding and towels is at your local vet or RSPCA they are always needing more for the animals.

Of course, if you have anything in great condition you also have the option to sell it.

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STEP THREE - *categorise*

Time to put everything into categories. There are a few ways you can do this.

BY SIZES:

For example; "Single Bed" "King Bed" and then you keep all sheets and bedding in that section/tub.

BY ITEM:

This is how we organise our adult bedding, each tub is labelled; "Flat Sheets" "Fitted Sheets" "pillowcases etc

BY ROOM:

Kids Bedding, Guest Room, Master bedroom

THE CATEGORIES WE USE IN OUR HOME ARE:

Flat Sheets
Fitted Sheets
Pillowcases
Cushion Covers
Quilt Covers
Towels
Weekend Bags
Toilet Paper
Nappies and Wipes

THEN THE KIDS BEDDING IS UNDER:

Kids Sheets (also contains their pillowcases)
Kids Fitted Sheets
Kids Blankets

The way in which you categorise your linen closet is entirely up to you and your lifestyle.

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STEP FOUR - *measure + plan + organise*

Time to measure your space, plan how you will store everything and then organise it!

I personally love using tubs in our linen closet because it hides any mismatched bedding and items that can be hard to fold (like fitted sheets). But you don't have to use tubs! Here are a couple of ways you can set out your linen closet!

BASKETS/TUBS

Of course, this method is my personal fave! I love using tubs to store my linen because I like being able to hide mismatched towels/ bedding and also means things like fitted sheets that are hard to fold are hidden. Then you are able to label your tubs accordingly.

SECTION THE SHELVES

Divide your shelves into section for each item. If you decide to do this make sure you make clear what category goes where to prevent family members throwing items anywhere. A good way to clearly see what shelf is for is to label the edge of the shelves. Using vinyl labels from Little Label Co means you can also remove them in future in case you move home or change it up!

PLACE BEDDING SETS INSIDE PILLOW CASES

The most cost-effective way is by placing each bedding set inside a pillow case. My nan used to organise her space like this. It keeps everything compact and easy to find. I personally decided not to do this as especially with kids if you need to change a fitted sheet, I would rather have that in reach instead of pulling everything out of that pillowcase. But a great idea if this suits your home and family!

PANTRY FAQ *+ hacks:*

WHAT TUBS DO YOU USE?

I use the IKEA Drona tubs. They are a great size and come in a few different colours.

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HOW DO YOU MAKE YOUR LINEN CLOSET SMELL NICE?

Put a diffuser on one of the shelves and that will keep all your linen smelling amazing!

DIFFERENT WAYS TO LABEL THE LINEN CLOSET

Fabric Tubs & Baskets:

Option 1: Acrylic Tags with the labels applied then use a hot glue gun to apply it!

Option 2: Tie a labelled tag onto the basket! This will allow you the change it up easily.

Shelving:

Option 1: Order some labels from Little Label co and apply to the edge of the shelf! They can be removed easily without marking the shelves.

Option 2: Grab yourself a Dymo label maker and simply print off your label and stick it to the edge of the shelf. (These can go yellow over long periods of time).



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I can't wait to see your progress! Don't forget to tag me and use the hashtag #stephingchallenge on Instagram to potentially win a \$50 Little Label Co voucher every week!

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