

YOUR LIFE get organized

SPECIAL HOME OFFICE EDITION!

Neat stuff for your desk



▲ **Hang Time:** Get clutter off your desk with this hanging wall organizer. It has pockets for pencils, keys, glasses, and more. \$30; kangaroomstorage.com.



◀ **Write On:** Slap a removable dry-erase square above your desk (or even on the fridge) and you've got an instant message center. \$10 for a pack of two, pen included; wallies.com.



◀ **Tiny Tin:** A cute three-tiered tin comes fully loaded with pushpins, paper clips, and rubber bands—and it's a perpetual calendar too. \$9; spoonsisters.com.

Secrets From the Pros

Three organization experts tell you how to keep on top of your family's crazy schedule.

To make getting your kids out the door in the morning less stressful, set up a "destination station" near the back or front door. Put up a shelf or cubby for each child's shoes, backpack, permission slips, homework, and so on. Then make sure everything's ready the night before.

—Lorie Marrero, clutterdiet.com

If you don't have room for a real home office, make a mini command center in your kitchen: Put a mail organizer at one end of your counter, and designate a drawer beneath it for cell-phone chargers, sunglasses, pens, papers, and stamps. Then hang a family calendar and small bulletin board on the wall nearby. (If space is really tight, stick a corkboard square on the inside of a cabinet door.)

—Vicki Norris, vickinorrisblog.com

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—Amy Keroes, mommytrackd.com