

Organizing with a Hanging Shoe Bag
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The possibilities for hanging shoe bags are limitless and fascinating. You know the ones I'm talking about - the ones with the gazillion pockets. Any time that you have small items to organize, consider using one of these, whether it be in your school room, a bedroom, your bathroom, or laundry room. Hang one (or more!) on the wall or on a door. Who knew that you could turn a door into storage space? Buy a sturdy one, preferably with clear pockets so you can see at a glance what treasures it contains.

In the school room, use it to organize scissors, rulers, calculators, pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, erasers, glue, and stickers. Use a different pocket for each type of item or assign a "row" of pockets to one student and let them combine multiple types of items in each pocket.

Now that I've got you thinking, in what other rooms in your house could you use a hanging shoe bag? Look around at all the little things that need a home and give them one! By the back door - the dog's leash and toys, the car keys, bills that need to go to the mailbox, etc. In the bathroom - deodorant, hair brushes, combs, make-up, razors, hair accessories, etc. In the laundry room - furniture polish or duster, glue, tape, various and sundry cleaners, silver polish, etc.

Have fun "stepping out" into this new area of organization! ☺

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