

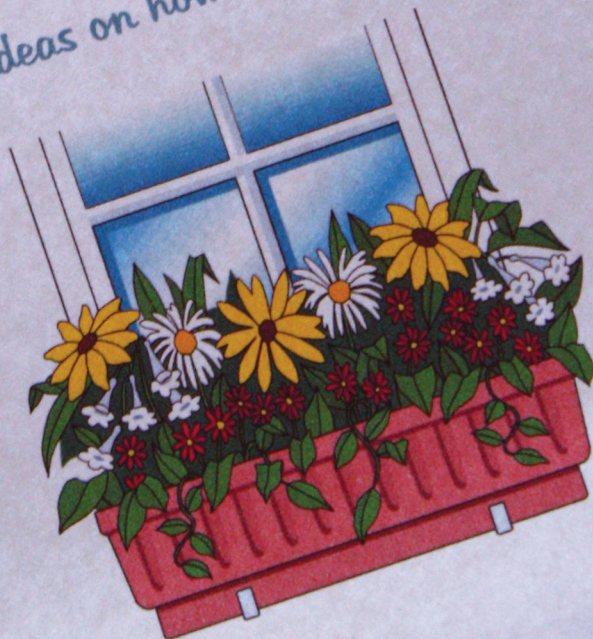
Let's Get Paige Organized!  
Sunday  
June 10th 2012  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



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Bring Paige your favorite organizer  
or container. If you don't have one or  
don't know what to bring,

a pretty bin or container will do.  
We will have a professional  
organizer on hand to give us all  
ideas on how to use them.



# Organizing Bridal Showers- Getting the newlyweds off to a great start!

by Sandi Davis



What a great idea! There are so many kinds of bridal showers; kitchen, garden, lingerie. Now there is even an organizing shower! If you have purchased any organizers or bins recently, you know how expensive and time consuming that can be. Having a shower where your friends bring you their favorite organizer is a great idea. We had one the other day and it was so much fun. With each gift our bride-to-be opened, we shared ideas on the many ways the item could be used. Having a professional organizer there was definitely a plus, but not a necessity. Many of us have friends that have a knack for organizing, and most of us have at least one favorite way to organize.

Here are some examples of the gifts received: A snap lock type set of bins to organize your medications are a wonderful gift. They can be laid in the bin facing up so you can see them all at a glance. I use a wire shelf to separate the two bins in the cabinet. This way you can pull a bin out one at a time and get the medicine you need. I like using the snap lock type bins because you can easily put the top on and carry this to the doctor if you need to take all of your medications when you go. You can take just one bin or both if you need to.

Wicker baskets are always nice gifts. They can be used for many things. One example is using a rectangle sized basket on your kitchen counter for mail. You can place the mail neatly in the basket until you have time to deal with it. I suggest placing the important mail in the front and the less urgent mail in the back. A larger wicker basket can be used to hold magazines. This is a good way to control the amount of magazines you have. If the basket gets full then it's time to get rid of some of the magazines. Never keep more than what will fit in the basket. Baskets are also nice for guest bathrooms that do not have





a place for towel storage. The towels can be rolled and placed neatly in the basket.

The Rubbermaid type drawer unit is a handy organizer also. They can be placed under the bathroom sink or in linen closets to hold extra toothbrushes, medications, small soaps and lotions, etc. I have also used them for vitamins and make-up. The larger drawer type units are great for under the kitchen sink. This is a good place to store trash bags, SOS pads, and cleaning rags to name a few. Cleaners can be placed in a cleaning caddy on top of the drawer unit.

A collapsible bin is nice to keep in your car. They can easily be stored under or beside the car seat and pulled out when needed. They are wonderful to use as a catch all when you are running errands or to hold snacks when you are on a road trip. I have used mine to hold all the unnecessary stuff in my purse while shopping!

Small plastic bins or baskets are great to use in cabinets. One could be used to hold all rice products and one for all pasta products, or snacks and gravy mixes. Top shelves are difficult for most elderly because of the hazard of climbing on a ladder or step stool. One way to make it possible is to tie a ribbon to the basket. The ribbon can be pulled to bring the basket close enough to get down.

There are many wonderful organizers in stores today and as many wonderful ideas on how to use them. Attending or giving an organizing bridal shower or party is a great way to share. If you decide to have an organizing party or shower, please let me know how it goes. I love hearing from you. You can reach me by calling 803-983-9833, email [sos@sandisorganizingsolutions.com](mailto:sos@sandisorganizingsolutions.com), or visit my web-site at

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