

101 Simple Life Hacks for the Home

Quick tips for new homemakers to make life smoother, repairs easier, and your home more organized.

Tools & Minor Fixes

1. Use toothpaste to fill small nail holes in the wall.
2. Mark picture placement with toothpaste on the hanger—press to the wall.
3. Use a butter knife or ice cream scoop as a hammer in a pinch.
4. Toothpicks + wood glue = fix for loose screws in wooden furniture.
5. Use a strong magnet to find wall studs behind drywall.
6. Soap or wax paper can unstick drawers.
7. Paint keys with nail polish to tell them apart.
8. Add adhesive hooks behind doors to store tools.
9. Keep a small tool kit in your kitchen or laundry room.
10. Use Command strips to mount light tools or power strips out of sight.

Battery & Electrical Hacks

11. Clean battery ends with a nail file to revive.
12. Twist batteries inside the remote to improve contact.
13. Use rechargeable batteries to save money long-term.
14. Label batteries with numbers to rotate use evenly.
15. Store spare batteries in a dry box with silica packets.
16. Use bread clips to label and organize cords.
17. Wrap cords with twist ties or Velcro strips.
18. Hide charging stations in drawers or cabinets.
19. Mount a power strip inside a cabinet for a cleaner look.
20. Use a surge protector for electronics to avoid power damage.

Storage & Organization

21. Use a shower caddy to hold cleaning supplies.
22. Repurpose an over-the-door shoe rack for tools or snacks.
23. Use clear bins to store seasonal items.

24. Label bins and baskets for easy access.
25. Keep a donation bin in your closet year-round.
26. Store manuals and receipts in a 3-ring binder.
27. Keep extra hooks and hardware in a labeled mason jar.
28. Use magazine holders to store cutting boards or foil boxes.
29. Hang measuring spoons on Command hooks inside cabinets.
30. Store gift bags upright in a file organizer.

Cleaning Hacks

31. Microwave a bowl of water and lemon for 2 minutes—easy clean-up.
32. Use dryer sheets to wipe dust off baseboards.
33. Lint rollers clean lampshades and throw pillows.
34. White vinegar removes hard water spots.
35. Baking soda and vinegar unclog slow drains.
36. A toothbrush cleans grout and faucet edges.
37. Use newspaper to clean windows for a streak-free shine.
38. Keep a spray bottle of vinegar + water in the bathroom.
39. Bar Keepers Friend cleans stainless steel beautifully.
40. Shaving cream removes fog from mirrors.

Sewing & Fabric Fixes

41. Use dental floss to sew on buttons for strength.
42. Mark scissors used only for fabric with ribbon.
43. Store buttons and needles in a small pill case.
44. Use safety pins to fix hems temporarily.
45. Keep thread colors: black, tan, and white on hand.
46. Iron on patches to mend kids' clothes quickly.
47. Use hem tape if you don't sew.
48. Use a dab of clear nail polish to stop fabric fray.
49. Fix sweater snags with a crochet hook.
50. Store a mini sewing kit in your junk drawer.

Yard & Outdoor Tips

51. Use a shower curtain liner under a kiddie pool.
52. Paint your tools handles bright to find them easily.
53. Store garden gloves and tools in a tote under the sink.
54. Use a plastic milk jug as a watering can.
55. Store seed packets in a photo organizer.
56. Wrap tape around rake handles for better grip.
57. Use vinegar to kill weeds naturally.
58. Hang tools with pegboard or hooks.
59. Place rubber-backed rugs at entries to catch dirt.
60. A cooler with a tea tree oil cotton ball prevents mildew.

Kitchen Tips

61. Use a binder clip on a shelf to hold recipe cards.
62. Place a wooden spoon across boiling water to stop overflow.
63. Freeze lemon slices for water or tea.
64. Store spices alphabetically for easy finding.
65. Use a lazy Susan in the pantry for cans.
66. Keep a container for peels/scrap as you cook.
67. Use muffin tins to sort taco toppings or snacks.
68. Label leftovers with dry-erase markers on glass.
69. Clean your dishwasher with vinegar and baking soda monthly.
70. Use a shoe rack to hold pantry snacks.

Paper & Planning Hacks

71. Use a clipboard system for to-dos and weekly menus.
72. Tape a pen to your planner so you never lose it.
73. Color-code your calendar for each family member.
74. Use sticky notes for quick reminders on the fridge.
75. Keep receipts in a zip pouch in your purse or car.
76. Have one drawer for bills and important papers.

77. Write grocery needs on a dry erase board in the kitchen.
78. Plan a weekly “paper sort day” to stay caught up.
79. Keep thank-you cards and stamps on hand.
80. Store coupons in a zippered pencil pouch.

Home Comfort & Safety

81. Use plug-in timers for lamps to add security.
82. Keep flashlights in each room for outages.
83. Use tea lights in mason jars for cozy lighting.
84. Keep a small fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
85. Add felt pads to chair legs to prevent floor damage.
86. Place a laundry basket near each bedroom for easy sorting.
87. Keep extra blankets in a bin at the end of the bed.
88. Use curtain clips to hang blankets as blackout curtains.
89. Set reminders for changing air filters every 3 months.
90. Hang seasonal decor with removable hooks.

Just-Plain-Good Tips

91. Always carry a measuring tape when shopping for the home.
92. Keep painter’s tape for notes or labeling projects.
93. Use rubbing alcohol to remove sticky label residue.
94. Keep a small bag in the car with wipes, band-aids, and a phone charger.
95. Set up a “command center” with calendar, keys, and papers.
96. Start a household Pinterest board for project ideas.
97. Take pictures of how cords are plugged in before unplugging everything.
98. Keep a stash of small gift items and cards for last-minute needs.
99. Use chalkboard labels on jars and bins so you can reuse them.
100. Create a seasonal home maintenance checklist to keep track.
101. Always make the bed—it makes the whole room feel tidy.

You’re doing a beautiful job, one small hack at a time.