

Power of Trays

I'm always looking for new ways to be more organized and make better use of the space I have. It doesn't matter if you live in a house, condo or apartment—no one ever seems to have enough closets, drawers or cabinet space. If you are a collector like me you are always trying to get a handle on your stuff.

While shopping I found a trio of cutlery trays: an old wood box, a basic plastic tray and a metal one. I didn't have a plan in mind when I bought these trays, but I just knew they would solve some storage problems.



Wood Tray

A few weeks ago I showed you a way to organize your earrings. (See Found Object—Earring Caddy). Not only do I have loads of earrings, I also have bracelets in almost every color. The wood tray came to the rescue. I decided to use a piece of leftover fabric to line the inside, but you can use a handkerchief or kitchen towel. Whatever comes to mind! Now my bracelets won't get tangled and they fit in a drawer!



Plastic Tray

Desktops get messy very quickly, especially if you have a simple desktop without drawers. The plastic tray holds all of the miscellaneous items you use every day. If you use a laptop, the keyboard tray on your desk has become wasted space. Turn it into a drawer. The cutlery tray keeps everything from rolling out.



It's perfect for make up too.



Metal Tray

I'm always on the lookout for unique napkin rings and have amassed quite a collection. Since most are round, they are hard to keep organized. I like to see what I have so storing in boxes isn't practical. The metal tray holds 5 different sets.

Now I just need to find a few more for the rest of my collection...

