

Tidying up

Do not expect your child to tidy up on his or her own! Tidying up helps everyone in the family feel more comfortable at home. When children «tidy up», they learn about relationships, structures and general concepts. A tidy room helps your child to keep track of his or her toys. New game Ideas can develop better.

What you can do:

- Tidy up with your child.
- Sort everyday objects, such as laundry or cutlery with your child and put away food with him or her.
- Turn tidying up into a game. If it looks chaotic in the apartment, your child should help
 you to put the building blocks back in their box or drive the train into the station —
 without force, but with humor!
- Provide a number of different containers and help your child sort their things in these. Children at this age cannot do this on their own.
- Tell your child clearly and concisely what you want him or her to do such as «Search all cars and put them in the garage», «All picture books belong on a shelf».

Incidentally:

If your child experiences «tidying up» as a game he or she will be more likely to help.

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