

# Deep-Clean the Learning Space — Sorting and Organizing Materials

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child takes ownership of the prepared environment by systematically sorting, decluttering, and reorganizing the learning shelves. This capstone practical life lesson applies all skills mastered throughout the year: categorization, fine motor control, sequencing, and independent decision-making.

## What You Need:

- Damp cloth
- Dry cloth
- Spray bottle with diluted vinegar
- Labels and marker
- Camera or phone for documentation
- Basket for items to put away

## Steps:

1. Survey the entire learning space together. 'This is YOUR environment. Today you are going to organize it so everything is in the perfect place.'
2. Take everything off one shelf at a time. Sort items into three groups: keep here, move to a different shelf, or put away for summer.
3. Wipe each shelf with a damp cloth, then dry it.
4. Return items to the shelf, grouping like with like. Place most-used items at the child's eye level.
5. Move to the next shelf and repeat.
6. Step back and admire the organized space.
7. Take a photo of the finished result.

## Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular border occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw or write in.

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