

## Organizing The Bathroom Counter



If your family is like ours, the counters in our bathrooms are filled with the products we regularly use. Which unfortunately just adds to my normal procrastination and dislike of cleaning when it comes time to clean them.

We even tried having cleaning people come in regularly, but then everything ended up back in “wrong” locations and sometimes on the opposite side of the counter. (When you consider how many houses these people clean each day, how in the world are they supposed to remember where everything goes in all those houses unless they have a special talent for that?) Plus, I felt guilty – and a bit embarrassed – about how many things they would have to move off each counter.

So, I started looking through my collection of “stuff” that I had accumulated in my room, and found several baskets that would work to hold different groupings of products. A couple of long baskets with sides of at least 2 inches work well for corraling shaving cream, several bottles of various products, toothbrushes, hair brushes, etc. One of the baskets is tall and super sturdy, so it makes a great location to store a hair straightener and other items that would tip over shorter baskets.

One round basket used to hold cotton balls, cotton swabs, etc. I’ve since re-purposed a ceramic container I painted and use that now for those items. Another round basket holds various face creams and cleansers. Another small basket holds hair barrettes, bobby pins, and scrunchies. An old mug (that has fun memories) holds makeup brushes and a few other makeup items that can stand upright and make them easy to grab.

Now, when it’s time to clean, I can just move the several baskets off the counter and it takes much less time to clear it off. That doesn’t mean I actually get around to cleaning more often, just that it’s easier to do. ~grin~

And, when company stays over, I can roll up some wash clothes and hand towels into another basket, add a few new toothbrushes, and place it on the counter in the main bathroom. Easy to clean up afterward, and a handy and decorative way to provide the items they’ll need.

Take a look at what items you have on your bathroom counter(s). Now look around your house for various containers – baskets, bowls, mugs. Take a new look at items that you currently just use as decoration. Can they hold items in them? If so, you may have just found a new home for them. And of course you can go to the store and find a wealth of items you can use, but it’s so much fun when you re-discover items that you already have.

For your personal bathroom (if separate from the main bathroom), consider using containers that provide fun memories instead of trying to necessarily match décor. And for the main bathroom, baskets go with almost any décor. You can even get creative and paint, antique, or sponge color onto baskets to match. I don't go that route because I've already got too many things on my to-do lists. ~lol~ Or change-up the main bathroom with your containers to make it more of a fun environment.

However you decide to implement this idea in your home, you'll corral clutter while decorating your space and making it easier to clean the area.

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