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EASY SOLUTIONS FOR BUSY MOMS

too many toys?

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MAYBE YOU NEED BETTER STORAGE! HERE, SOME CUTE WAYS TO DE-CLUTTER THE PLAYROOM.

If you're like most of us parents, you started out with a vow that toys would not take over your house. Fast-forward a year or two, and you can't walk through a room without

tripping over plastic and plush. The bad news: you can't get rid of all your child's toys. The good news: there are a lot of fantastic storage options to keep them mostly contained.

BOX IT UP! Guidecraft's bright Circus Toy Box has fun touches such as lion's-cage bars (\$130; guidecraft.com).



HIDDEN AWAY Happy-colored ottomans from P'kolino make great little stools for kids, and the top comes off to reveal storage inside (\$170; pkolino.com).



think green

EASY ACCESS The open design of Nest's Jax Storage Tower makes it easy for kids to reach in and get what they want. The fabric is organic cotton (\$146; nestplease.com).

HANG UP With luck, you'll train your little princess or pirate to rehang outfits on Land of Nod's You Can Lead a Horse to a Clothes Tree (\$45; landofnod.com).



Keep "like with like." If all the art supplies are together, all the dolls in one place, and so on, your child may use her toys more often.



MOORE PLEASE Lightweight pop-up bins like Redmon's Cow Bongo Buddy hold plenty but fold flat when not in use (\$16; redmonusa.com).



ART TO GO By stashing your child's supplies in Garnet Hill's Arts and Crafts Tote, you can move things from room to room or take them outdoors easily (\$38; garnethill.com).