

Organization easy as ABC

It's time to dust off those backpacks, sharpen the No. 2 pencils and ready the minds – and study spaces – for another year of homework. According to McGraw-Hill Education, it's imperative to establish a quiet study area. Results of a Kumon/Ipsos-Reid survey found that an optimal learning environment at home is one that “eliminates visual distractions, such as clutter in the workspace.”

Here are CableOrganizer.com's suggestions for a clutter-free study space:

Cordless keyboard and mouse: A great way to eliminate frustrating and unsightly cable clutter is to replace that standard keyboard and mouse with a sleek and cordless wireless keyboard and optical mouse.

Velcro wraps: Keep a few Velcro One-Wrap cable wraps handy for a quick organizational fix. They keep computer cables neatly bundled and cinch together pens, crayons, markers and other small objects that tend to clutter a desk.

Animal clips: These make space more friendly and hold everything – computer cords to pencils. From dogs and elephants to monkeys and hippos, there is an entire zoo worth of cute and quirky creatures to choose.

Label printers: Who owns what? A handheld labeler (like the Brother P-Touch PT-80 or DYMO RhinoPRO 5000) make it snap to print durable, professional looking labels for identifying notebooks to lunch boxes.

Cord controllers: For a few bucks, that wire octopus behind the computer can be easily gathered and shielded with split wire loom – flexible and durable polyethylene corrugated tube with a split down the side where you enter a multicable bundle. If you have to add another wire later, you can slip it into the split wire loom along with the others without removing the entire bundle.

Cable/device managers: Readily lift these items off the floor and put safely out of harm's way with cable management products that loop, tie and hang cabling, wiring and other items, such as power adapters and other small devices, off the floor.

Surge protectors: Keep computers, printers and routers powered, and protect them from power surges at the same time.

Hooks and hangers: 3M Innovation Cord Clips are a perfect, non-permanent solution to help organize a study space. You can even color-code the space for multiple users.





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Cordless Freedom Opti-
cal keyboard and mouse
from Logitech. The key-
board will work up to 8
feet away from the
receiver.

Provided photos

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