

## Rental Trick #3: A Door Organizer

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\*UPDATE: The door organizer is [bigger and better](#).

You might have seen this little guy on [Design Sponge](#) yesterday... I was **shocked and thrilled** and trying to explain to Andy why I was fist pumping and dancing on the couch. He just thinks I'm crazy. Today, I wanted to share a few more details with you about the door organizer...

First of all, have I told you about my [Habitat Re-Store](#) obsession? It's pure greatness, and I was super excited when I pulled up to my Fort Lauderdale Re-Store to find that it was a good one, a really good one... get ready for this... it has a clearance center in another building! Habitat Re-stores are the Good Will of the building world. If a builder doesn't use all of something, they drop it off at the Re-Store. Typically, you can find anything building related there... from doors, windows, sinks, tile, paint, even small things like light bulbs and hinges, and the one in Fort Lauderdale has tons of furniture. I learned about the re-store back in Austin, in college, when I wanted a full length mirror and had no closet or bathroom door to hang up one of those \$5 Target full length mirrors. ([see more on that here](#)).

Back to business... we live in [Sunny](#). Sunny has some great qualities, [the kitchen](#) is not one of them. We needed storage that can come with us since she's a rental. We are trying to minimize the amount of holes we put in her walls, even though the walls are concrete so holes are kind of out of question anyway! I've had this grand idea brewing for awhile now... I wanted a kitchen organizer on a door. Yep. I picked her up for \$5, and have been moving her around, trying to decide where exactly she should live. I like the idea because

- it won't put holes in the wall
- doesn't stick out like a shelf
- it will store lots of things that would typically go in drawers (we only have one!)
- the door adds a pop of color to the all white kitchen

Wouldn't you agree the door is so much nicer than this... haha.





I made a good ol' to do list to whip this kitchen into a usable space ([see more here](#)), and the door is

accomplishing 2, 4 & 6. Oh hallelujah to crossing those off of the list! It helped with 7, but I don't think I can cross that one off quite yet



Here is what is going down:

- ~~Research and buy new dishes (I had no idea there were so many kinds... stone ware, fiesta ware, Corelle, porcelain, bone ware!)~~ ([more on that here](#))
- ~~Container for bag spices in the large food cabinet~~
- ~~Container for Tassimo pods to clear out the bottom shelf of the small food cabinet~~ ([more on that here](#))
- ~~A home for pot holders and kitchen towels (possible a wall storage system?)~~
- Deal with the random stuff on top of the cabinets
- ~~Get rid of/organize random stuff next to dresser~~ ([more on that here](#))
- Clean out and organize the dresser (The door helped!)
- ~~Buy and mount a paper towel holder~~ ([more on that here](#))

The door has been living in the kitchen for about a month now. I wanted to make sure she didn't bother the fridge door and that we really liked it there. I thought about making a door coat/ bag rack for the foyer...

Although there is plenty of room for the door, it just looked funny to have 2 doors next each other. Don't you think? Back to the kitchen. I had a color dilemma. The walls are white in our entire apartment. I don't want to paint, just to have to paint back. I've lost one too many deposits that way. I figured the door could brighten up the space with a bold something. Here she is stands in mock up mode...

I was thinking green or orange, but neither looked great with the wood floor.

The vacuum just happen to be sitting next to the door and that yellow color was calling it's name. But, I didn't love the yellow with wood either. That's when I decided to do the dipped thing. I know you've seen it around lately. Like this... and this round up from the [little green notebook](#)

I was sold. I was dipping it. That way the color didn't fight with the wood floor. Andy said it well after he saw the finished product, "the paint doesn't make the door look so... uhh... country grandma".

#suchasweetie

In the meantime another little





coincidence happened... 3M contacted me to see if I would like to try out their new line of Command Brand products... called Command Clear. I had not decided what I was going to use to organize the stuff... I was thinking I'd check out IKEA? This was perfect. This project was finally coming together. Here's what they sent me... These are greatness because they are clear, and would blend into my yellow paint. Plus, they have new little clear caddies... This turned out to be a perfect spot for clothespins... helping to clean out the dresser!





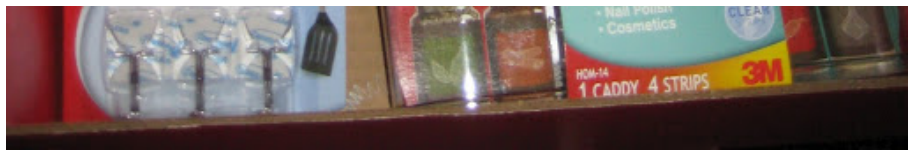
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Back to the door. I set up shop on the balcony and taped down lots of newspaper and my drop cloth. I gave the whole door a few coats of the satin paint and primer in one since I wanted to keep the bottom part of the door white.

Then I used painters tape and newspaper to tape my diagonal line...







I sprayed the top yellow a few times...





with Rustoleum sun yellow gloss spray paint...

There were 2 painting issues, the first was because I was impatient and did not let the white dry long enough... not a huge deal, I just caused myself more work. Oopsie. I picked the paper off, sanded it a little, gave it another spray, and really let it dry!





The second issue wasn't my fault, but happened because of the shutter situation. The diagonal line didn't turn out as well as I wanted it to. See how the line is crispy on the flat part and cloudy on the shutter part.



Nothing a little paint pen and paint brush can't fix! It actually worked really well... It was a tedious project, but I wanted a crisp dipped line. Can you tell at all? You can a little if you stare up close, but I'm happy with the end result.









Once the door's line was crisped, dry, and the door was back in its spot... things started flying on that sucker. 3M products are super easy to use. Please read the directions... you don't want your goodies falling off. Clean the area with rubbing alcohol and wait for it to dry (a couple of minutes). Stick the tape to the hook and hold the hook to the door for 30 seconds. Wait a couple hours before you actually put anything on the hook.

I started arranging the door from top to bottom using my Command Clear hooks. Since we only have one drawer in the kitchen, and it's dedicated to silverware. The door is now storage for most of our kitchen towels. I stole the over the door towel rack from the bathroom and it slid on perfectly to the door.



Then I was bad, and took a trip to Target and found this stuff... It's the perfect yellow. What can I say 4 dish towels, a pot holder, and measuring cups for under \$14 bucks that make my door a lot cuter, I'm sold... And we had a gift card.





Not to mention, Andy burned a dish towel the other night and our current measuring cups look like this...  
Rust? Crust? What is that brown stuff? Good things I got new ones



I'm just trying to justify buying new stuff when the old stuff worked just fine. Moving on...

The utensil hooks ended up being the best hooks because they are a thin hook and can hold anything kitchen related. They're the most versatile, at least in the kitchen...



For 3 of the top hooks...



Actually organizing the door was done over about 3 days... I wanted to make sure it worked for us, and I was using the new extra storage space to the best of it's ability



This was the first version...The cute little clear caddy perfectly holds 4 spices.



The little red ones sometimes get lost on this shelf...





But in the end it made more sense to put the clothes pins there since we use those more and they were in a zip lock in the top drawer of the dresser. The spices have a home.



My mom cross stitched the yellow picture and it was hanging on the wall before the door arrived. It worked out to just stick the picture on the knob that came with the door. Plus it adds a little more yellow and reminds me of my mom The strainer was homeless, and although it's orange I still like it on the door. The two hooks (with arrows below) are just your run of mill over the door hooks... I stole them from the bathroom. 😊



I needed to cross #2 off of the list... find a container for bag spices in the large food cabinet. I found these at Home Depot for \$3.88 a piece, and they would slide right on the shutter door. Or so I thought.





It didn't take much muscle bend the wire out enough to make it go around the shutter...



My 2 little wire cubbies are perfect for the spice packets and menus!



And there you have it, the completed kitchen door organizer and every gosh darn detail about the thing. We love it. It's functional, pretty, and seriously makes me consider having open shelving one day!  
 Cost breakdown:

- Shutter Door- \$5.00
- Target goodies- \$14.00
- 2 cans of spray paint- \$10.00
- 2 wire baskets- \$8.00
- Command Clear hooks- free
- Over the door hooks- already had

Grand total- \$37.00

I might add one more Home Depot caddy under the orange strainer and yellow towel. Can't waste space in this place! Have you been organizing anything lately? Have you ever used a door to





help you? Have you ever been to a Habitat Re-Store? What do you think those orange-ish stains are on my measuring cups?

ps check out [more fun storage ideas](#) with Command Clear hooks.



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