

family mud room

Executive editor Suzanne Moutis loves great organizing ideas. Here, she shares innovative solutions for storing your stuff.



KEEPING KIDS' BELONGINGS UNDER CONTROL

doesn't have to be an exercise in futility. Space management is the solution, and this mud room designed by Jodie Rosen is a case in point. Her straight-forward layout and streamlined floor-to-ceiling execution get the job done simply and effectively, while the bright pops of colour in hooks and basket liners keep the look fun and fresh.

- 1** Jodie has taken advantage of the room's height by installing closed cabinetry over the cubby holes to store off-season articles.
- 2** Cubbies equipped with baskets mean everything from mittens and hats to skipping ropes and rubber balls has an easy-to-reach spot to call its own.
- 3** Hooks placed at just the right height are perfect for little ones to learn to hang up coats every time, while the ample space below gives children a place to perch while putting on shoes or boots.
- 4** Unobtrusive drawers are ideal for stashing small items like earbuds, iPods, house keys and extra socks so they don't get lost.
- 5** Jodie has effectively used all the available real estate - right down to the floor. These shelves make optimal storage for slippers and sneakers.



If you've got a large brood to wrangle, using a colour-coding system can be a lifesaver. Designate one colour for each child to eliminate the guesswork of what belongs to whom.