

Streamline your home

'EVERYONE HAS A JUNK DRAWER - EVEN ME!'

PROFESSIONAL organiser Vicky Silverthorn, 33, is the ultimate go-to for tips on streamlining your home. Celebs such as Lily Allen have used her services to whip their homes into shape. Here, Vicky – who lives in south London with a friend – tells us how we can do the same.

Would you describe your personal style as minimal?

No, I'd say it was friendly. I never implement perfection in someone's home because if it's not achievable every day, it makes you feel bad. We all have a junk drawer and that's OK.

Do you have any tricks for keeping things in order?

Be creative with objects that you have no place to store. Turn books into a floating shelf by piling four or five on top of each other and securing to the wall – then place a decorative plant on top. Free up drawers in your kitchen by using pretty jugs to store utensils and, if you're always leaving paperwork on the coffee table, a Bisley's 10-drawer filing cabinet [£71.99, www.ryman.co.uk] will keep things tidy and is a great statement piece.

What's the craziest thing you've found in a wardrobe?

When I was sorting through singer Ed Sheeran's clothes, bits of Lego just popped up everywhere! I loved helping Lily Allen sort through her wardrobe. We packed away lots of her amazing pieces for storage, like the feathered Chanel dress she wore to Paris Fashion Week in 2009. She bought me a green cashmere throw from Brora



Vicky says organised doesn't have to mean minimal



The Bisley filing cabinet makes paperwork easy



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Create a shelf out of books!



HAIR AND MAKE-UP: NATASHA SCHMITT

[£429] as a thank-you present – it's the most expensive piece in my flat!

What advice would you give people to manage their wardrobes?

Take into consideration how much hanging space and shelving you need. Ikea's drawer dividers (£6, www.ikea.com) are an easy way to keep underwear organised, and skinny hangers will change your life (see www.youneedavicky.com). You'll be able to cram in double the amount of clothes.

● www.youneedavicky.com

VICKY'S PRACTICAL GO-TO SHOPS

- ★ **Muji** Perfect for felt baskets and under-bed storage drawers – Muji has organisers for everything!
- ★ **Argos** Great for kids' toy boxes that are either simple and chic, or fun and child-friendly.
- ★ **Amazon** I order lots of moth-repellent sachets, drawer liners and acid-free tissue paper at a bargain price.