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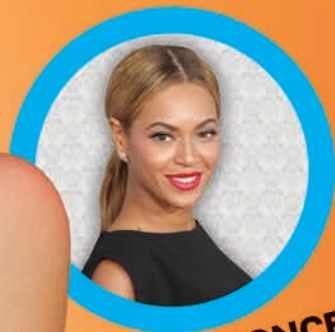
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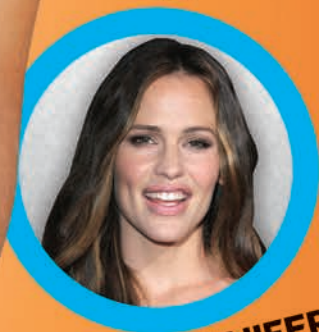
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Back-to-school time also means back to homework! Make a smooth transition into the homework routine by setting up a well-equipped homework station using these simple tips.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.

When selecting a spot for your child's homework area, take into consideration his or her preferences and tendencies. Does he work better in the quiet of his own room? Or, does she do better at the kitchen table where you can supervise and assist?

START WITH THE BASICS.

The basics for any homework area include a desk or other table, a chair, good lighting, and storage space for supplies and tools. Use what you have on hand, or check out sites like ContainerStore.com or TheLandofNod.com for fun furniture options for your child's homework station.

STOCK THE ESSENTIALS.

This will vary widely depending on the number of children you have and their ages. For younger kids, a great starting point is their school supply list. "Shop" at home first to see what supplies you already have in the craft closet, junk drawer, or even last year's school supply boxes. Then, when you shop for school supplies, pick up any extra

basic supplies necessary to fill out your homework station.

FACTOR IN TECHNOLOGY.

If your child uses a laptop or tablet, these devices could replace the dictionary, thesaurus and calculator in your homework area. As you set up your child's homework area, think through a plan for keeping these items stored, charged and available when needed. If you don't already have one, now is a perfect time to create a charging station in a central spot in your home, ideally in or close to the homework station.

KEEP IT CONTAINED.

Use containers to corral like items together and create a space that's fun. As you look at storage options, keep in mind that you'll want containers that make the supplies easy to see, access and put away.

CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS:

- Use plastic drawer units for pencils, glue, crayons, markers, stickers and other small items.
- Corral chalk, pens, sharpened pencils, glue stick and scissors into small cups, buckets or pots. Group these items onto a lazy

Susan for ease of access.

- Store notebooks and extra paper vertically in rectangular bins.
- Re-purpose a muffin tin for small items like erasers, paper clips and rubber bands.
- Store assignments and spelling lists on a magnetic board or bulletin board.

HERE'S A CHECKLIST OF BASIC SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND:

- ✓ Pencils and erasers
- ✓ Pencil sharpener
- ✓ Lined Paper
- ✓ Crayons & Markers
- ✓ Glue and glue sticks
- ✓ Pens
- ✓ Dictionary and thesaurus
- ✓ Calculator
- ✓ Protractor & Ruler
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ A dry erase board and markers (for working out math problems)
- ✓ Colored pencils

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MAKE IT FUN! As you select furniture and storage pieces for your child's homework area, make the space more inviting by selecting containers in your child's favorite colors.



KEEP IT QUIET

Neon colored Mixrs Beats
by Dre Headphones
\$249.95, beatsbydre.com

TANGLE-FREE CORDS

Cable Drops
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**KEEP UNSIGHTLY CORDS
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CableBox Mini
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FLEXIBILITY IS KEY

Squish Drawer Organizers
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containerstore.com



**GET VERTICAL WITH MODULAR
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Big Happy Family
\$175, myurbio.com



STRAIGHT A'S IN ORGANIZATION

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Hayden Utility Boards- cork,
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STASH IT IN STYLE

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