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In tribute to mothers, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. wrote: *"Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts."*

We wish you all a very **happy Mother's Day** with time for tending your heart and home!

DREAM ABOUT IT : ORGANIZED STORAGE

Every Mother's Dream: Organized Storage ... And Lots of It!



What does every mother dream about? An organized place to store backpacks, school papers, sports gear, dance bags, laptops, coats, shoes ... Need we go on?

Our remodeling team recently designed and installed what we call a **"drop zone"** for clients in Golden Valley. The drop zone allows kids and parents alike to instantly organize their gear (work and play) within minutes of walking through the door. Four appropriately-sized "lockers" make room for coats, bags and backpacks. Above the **open lockers** are shelves and cubbies for seasonal needs such as hats, gloves and baseball mitts! Below the lockers are a bench for sitting and roll-out trays (fit with rubber liners for snowy/muddy boots and wet shoes). No tracking mud through the house!



The **pocket desk** serves a similar purpose: to instantly organize. Instead of coats and boots,

however, this space orders information and electronics. Cell phones, cameras, laptops and even an iPod Touch rest for the night in cubicles wired with **charging/docking stations**. Next come the bill slots, file drawers and cork pin-up wall for calendars, coupons, school reminders and family photos - all tacked up off the desk's workspace for increased efficiency and clutter control.

How did we do it? Custom cabinets permitted flexibility in design - allowing us to create the space this family needed while taking advantage of an existing south facing window. The new space is bright and inviting thanks to the abundant natural light and clean "Glacier White" enamel (Benjamin Moore). Other sophisticated finishes, such as the slate-like floor tile, polished chrome hardware and cherry wood accents add a touch of warmth while honoring our clients' aesthetic preferences and ensuring that this new space compliments the remainder of the home. **Organized and efficient ... our clients now look forward to coming home.**



[Contact us](#) when you're ready to get organized! Or [visit our website](#) for other built-in storage and organization ideas.

Finishing the look:

- Milano geometric pillow: \$19.99, Bachmans

- Hair-on-hide desk mat: \$129.00, Restoration Hardware
- Wire baskets: \$12.99, Bachmans

IN THE NEWS



Oops! We misspoke last month when suggesting that the **Architecture Minnesota** feature about our Green Dream Home would be available online. It's not. Instead we've posted the article, titled *The Future of Tradition*, on our website. You can [read the article](#) there or [contact us](#) for a copy of the magazine. We'd be happy to mail you one!

The article begins with an intriguing question from Rocky DiGiacomo: "Would you rent your home if you had the option to buy? Probably not. So, why would you rent your energy if you could own it?" Read how we answer this question and others.

Photos, by [Markert Photo](#), are gorgeous ... but then, we might be biased.

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