



## Creative Organizing with an Ordinary Shoebag

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One of my favorite organizing containers is an over-the-door style shoe-bag with clear pockets. They're inexpensive and fit virtually anywhere where there is a wall or a door. Here are 5 uses for a shoe bag.

1. Not just for shoes. Also great for socks! Easy to see and easy for grab. Great for children learning to put on their own shoes and socks.
2. Bathroom toiletries. Not enough room in your bathroom for all the stuff? Use the shoe bag for shampoos, soaps, lotions, often used medicines, Band-Aids, Kleenex, bath toys (dried off already), wash cloths.
3. Girls to teen's bathroom – Use each pocket for hair bows, ribbons, & barrettes, blow dryer, hair gels, sparkly stuff, make-up, hair brushes, etc.
4. Laundry / utility room - That stuff that always falls off the shelf fits great in pockets. Also great for things you find in the laundry like money & buttons. Put in your stain sticks, dryer sheets, scrapers, glues, tapes, goo-gone, goof-off, rubber gloves, scrubbers, box cutters, scissors, etc.
5. Craft room/closet – If you don't have tons and tons of it, this will work great. Use it for glues & stuff you glue on like pom-poms, feathers, tape, hot glue gun & glue sticks, staple gun, paint brushes, fabric paints, paint pens, exacto knives, etc.
6. Hall Closet – If your hats, gloves and scarves are always getting lost or live in pockets or the floor – try using a shoe bag! Each person in the family gets their own row to store these often-used items.

These are just a few ways I have found to use shoe bags. I'm sure you will be able to come up with some of your own!

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