

Clear the clutter: top tips for storing items in your attic

A house full of kids more often than not means clutter, clutter, clutter. And while most would benefit from a full on extension, not many of us have the funds to be able to build on an extra room. However, if you utilise your attic space, whether it's big or small, you should be able to fit everything you and your kids own comfortably into your home.

Here are five tips for storing items in your attic:

Keep like with like

Make sure you keep similar items together to make it easier to find things. Store Christmas decorations together and old/ out of season clothes together. You will really feel the benefit when you go up there and are able to find something quickly.

Be clear about contents

Make sure you label all boxes clearly and specifically so that when you do go looking for something you will know where to find it. Think 'old summer clothes' or 'Baby clothes: size 0-3 months'.

Label all four sides of the box

Again, to make your life a little easier, write the contents of the box on all four sides. This way no matter what angle you are looking at the container from you will know what's inside.

Write an inventory

If you're anything like us, you'll put something away and then completely forget about it. To ensure you don't lose track of what's up there write an inventory of what is in each container (or a quick summary) and keep it in a filing system or an easily accessible area of the home so you won't lose it.

Use plastic containers

Try to steer clear of cardboard boxes as they can get damp or be easily chewed by mice. Plastic boxes are more durable and if you go for a clear one you will be able to see what's inside fairly quickly.

