

operation organize

Give desks and shelves personality by customizing magazine holders and storage boxes. 1 Measure all sides of holder or box, adding ¼ to ½ inch to each. In photo-editing program like Microsoft Digital Image Suite or Adobe Photoshop Elements, create template with pattern desired; one of ours was inspired by a pillow. (To access our polka-dots or stripes templates, visit styleathome.com.) 2 Using colour printer, print onto 24-pound (thicker than office stock) bright white paper (you may need 11- by 17-inch). 3 Cut out; affix with spray adhesive, smoothing bubbles.

at-a-glance planners

For a modern twist on the bulletin board, pretty up a corkboard with a funky pattern and bold fabric. 1 Make a bulletin board using cork tile, a flat picture frame, fabric and sticker paper according to directions on page 190. 2 Find a one-month calendar in a program like Microsoft Publisher or Excel (or design your own). 3 Using transparency film in an ink-jet printer and refering to package directions to determine which side to print on, reverse-print (called "mirror image" in some computer programs) the calendar for the relevant month; using push-pins, attach to board right side up. 4 Use dry-erase markers to write in dates and appointments. 5 Create a separate "to-do list" transparency for messages and reminders. \triangleright

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