YOUR 2-HOUR RESET

START AND FINISH

2-hour living-room reset using existing cardboard boxes, laundry basket, shelving and wicker drawers—no purchases needed.

START



FINISH



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

EVERYTHING YOU NEED

Supplies estimate: $0

Nothing to buy—use what you already have.

FOLLOW IN ORDER

1. Remove rubbish and dishes

10 min

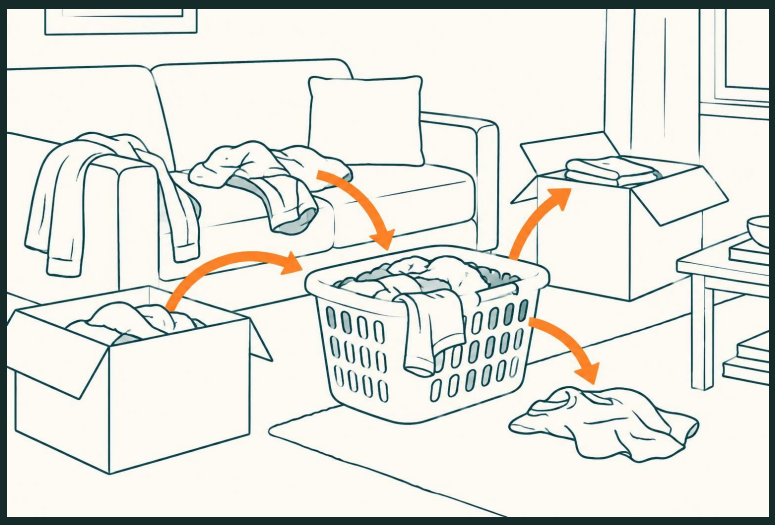
Take one bag around the room clockwise for obvious rubbish only. Move cups, bowls and dishes to the kitchen; do not make decisions about papers or ambiguous items.



2. Consolidate laundry

15 min

Put all loose clothing and washable linens from the sofa, rug and boxes into the visible laundry basket. Keep clean or uncertain textiles together in one cardboard box rather than re-sorting them now.

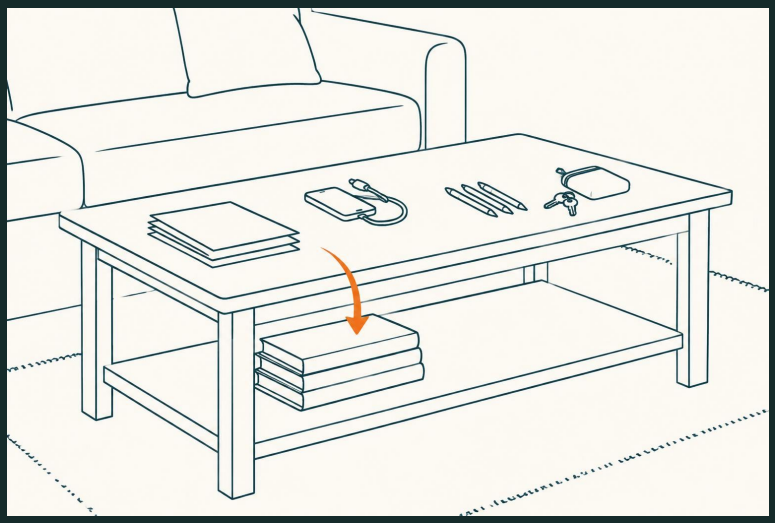


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3. Create a sorting surface

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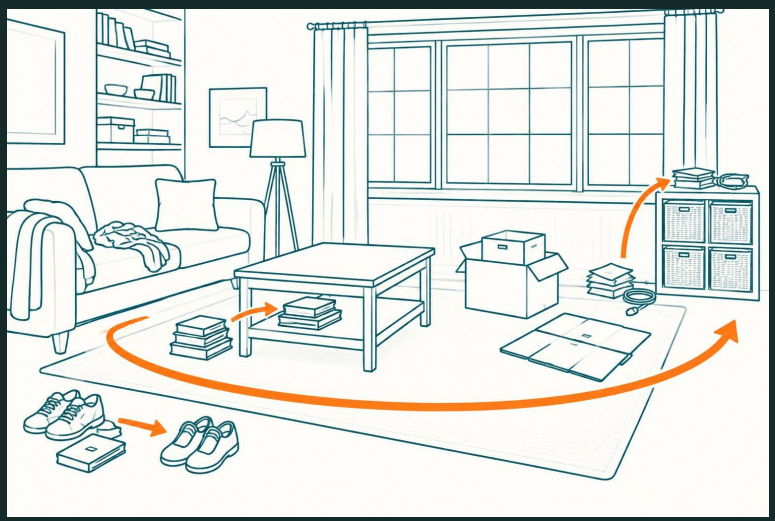
Clear the coffee-table top completely. Return books to its lower shelf, then use the top for only four temporary groups: papers, electronics/cables, stationery and personal/unclear items.



4. Clear the floor clockwise

25 min

Start beside the sofa and continue around the rug toward the windows and side cabinet. Pair shoes and place them together off the rug; move books directly to the coffee-table shelf or wall shelves. Put loose papers and cables on the sorting surface. Flatten only clearly empty cardboard boxes and nest reusable ones together.

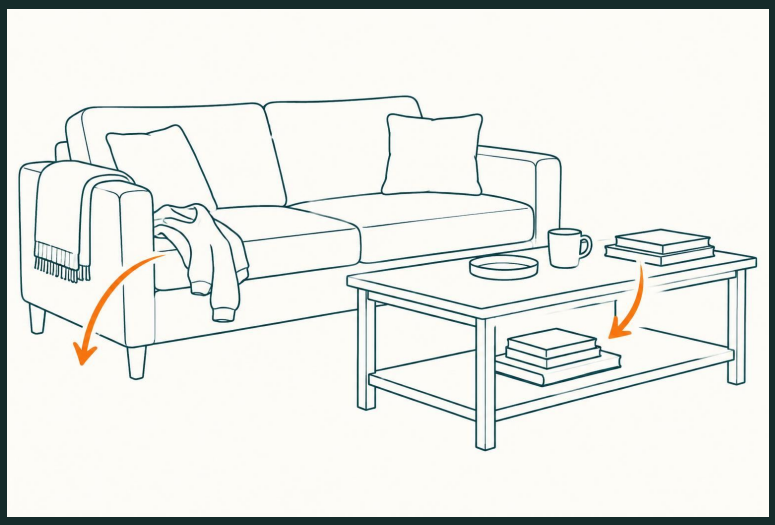


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5. Reset the sofa and coffee table

20 min

Fold throws over one sofa arm or back, arrange cushions, and remove all remaining clothing. On the coffee table, keep only one small tray/bowl and any item actively used there; place books neatly on the lower shelf with heavy volumes flat.



6. Use the shelves and wicker drawers

20 min

Straighten books vertically or in short stable stacks on the wall shelves. Group decorative objects together without overcrowding edges. Assign wicker drawers by category—electronics/cables, stationery, household textiles and miscellaneous personal items—after checking their current contents; do not mix or discard protected or unclear items.

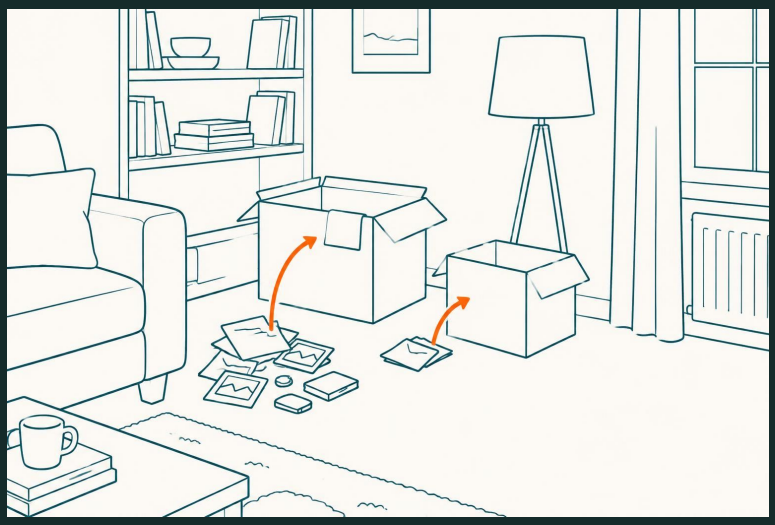


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7. Contain papers and unresolved items

10 min

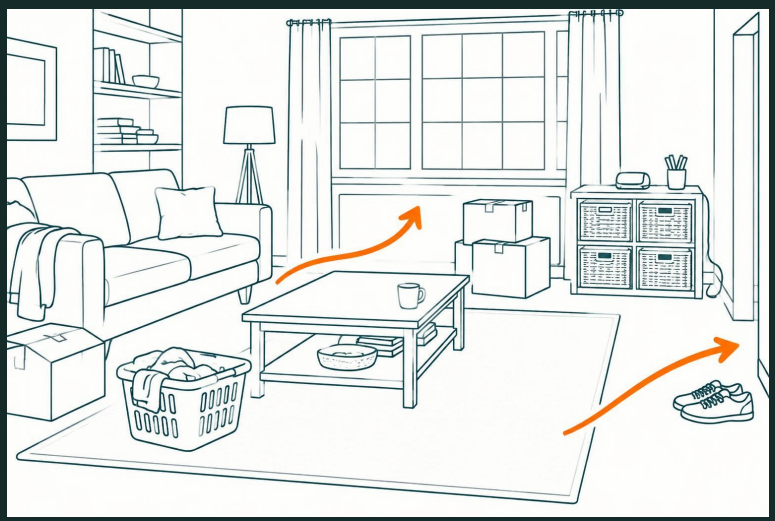
Place all documents, photographs and uncertain personal items together in one clean cardboard box, labelled mentally or with scrap paper as “Review later.” Put it beside the shelving, not in a walkway. Place any remaining category overflow in separate existing boxes.



8. Final safety and visual reset

10 min

Clear routes between the sofa, coffee table, window and doorway. Move cables away from walking areas, remove shoes from the rug, close box flaps, straighten the rug and return the sorting surface to a mostly clear state.



WHERE THINGS SHOULD LIVE

Dirty laundry and washable linens

Visible white laundry basket; move it out of the living room when full

Clean or uncertain clothing

One existing cardboard box near the sofa until it can be put away elsewhere

Books

Coffee-table lower shelf first, then stable groups on the wall shelves

Documents, photographs and unclear papers

One clean existing cardboard box marked “Review later” beside the shelving

Electronics and cables

One checked and emptied wicker drawer; coil cables loosely

Pens and stationery

One wicker drawer or the visible pen cup on the side cabinet

Throws and cushions

Folded on the sofa back/arm; cushions upright on the sofa

Shoes

Paired together off the rug, near the room exit for later relocation to their normal shoe-storage area elsewhere in the home if available elsewhere in the home.