



Get organized by using your stuff unusually: Magazines

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Your old magazines: donate them, keep the pages you really want, or make fun crafts from them.
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One of the most popular items people store in their attics and basements - and all around the house - is magazines, because there's "an article that I want to read later" or "a great recipe I want to keep" or "_____ " (fill in your own reason). If it's time to get those old magazines out of your home, consider these options:

Magazines

- **Donate.** Many schools, community centers, homeless shelters, and other organizations take magazines for reading and for craft projects.
- **Make a cookbook.** Remove the colorful recipe pages, place the pages in sheet protectors in a three-ring binder, or arrange the recipes in the pages of a scrapbook. Think about grouping your recipes into categories so they're easier to find once you have assembled your new cookbook (Appetizers, Main Dishes, Desserts, Drinks, etc.).
- **Roll strips of magazine pages** to make jewelry beads, coasters, decorative boxes, bowls, and other items. See the [YouTube](#) video for inspiration.
- **Decorate a dollhouse.** Use magazine pages to cover the walls of a dollhouse as colorful wallpaper.
- **Use as wrapping paper.** Choose colorful pages from magazines to use for wrapping gifts.
- **Use as packing material.** Shred magazine pages to use as packing material for a move or sending packages or holiday gifts. The benefit over newspaper is that magazine pages will not transfer ink onto the items in your packages. Instead of shredding, you can also simply crumple the pages to use as packing material.

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