CHILDREN'S STORAGE

Catch-all closets, in today's well-planned houses, have been replaced by storage spaces specifically sized and planned to hold possessions of all sizes and shapes. When building or remodeling do not forget the children. If they are to learn neatness and orderliness, an adult virtue, they need storage space planned especially for them. Since child care and children's play create work problems for the homemaker that more than double her regular duties and add to the complexity of house work, she needs to find ways to reduce her work load. Work can be simplified if there are plenty of storage places for the children's clothing, toys and collections.

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MAKE IT EASY FOR A CHILD TO HANG UP HIS CLOTHES

To make rods easy to reach:
For 3 to 5-year-old place the rod 30 inches from the floor.
For 6 to 12-year-old place the rod 45 inches from the floor.

With an adjustable rod, it is possible to make changes that correspond with the user's increase in height.

The top shelf is beyond the reach of the child so the mother may use it for seasonal storage.

Drawers are built so they can be removed when no longer needed for underwear, sweaters, socks, etc.

Paste a cutout on each drawer, representing the clothes within.

Clothes rod moves up as child grows up.

Drawer space is for clothes and hobby collections.
A coat closet for both adults and children at heights suitable for each.

The rod for the children's clothing is 45 inches from the floor.

The hooks are 30 inches from the floor but might be placed lower for some articles.

This closet provides compartments and shelves below the clothes. They are made of wood and may be used as steps for the children so they can reach the clothes hung on the rod.

Note the grab bars at the right to keep the child from falling.

This closet requires no change after the child is grown.

A peg board or hook rack gives the child an opportunity to set the hooks to suit himself.

Hang one in a back entry or closet where play wraps will be taken off and hung up.
Hooks, rather than rods, are often used in closets where everyday wraps and chore clothes are stored. Hooks for children may be about 45-48 inches from the floor. They are usually set 12 inches apart and 4½ inches from the corner.

Ventilation is important in closets for outdoor clothing. Some provision for this can be made in the door. Overshoes and rubbers may be kept on a rack set 3 inches from the floor. It can be made of slats or hardware cloth and should be removable so that the floor under it can be cleaned.

The space at the top of this portable cupboard is for caps, mittens and school books.

Suspended spring clothespins might be added to keep the overshoes and mittens in pairs.

MAKE IT PLEASANT FOR A CHILD TO PUT AWAY HIS TOYS

Children like their toys scattered all about them. And Yet they can't be left all over the floor to be walked on or around. In making it pleasant for a child to put away his toys, you need to feel respectful toward his things and not consider his toys and collections as junk to be shoved out of sight.

You will find a child likes shelves for his toys better than having them piled in boxes. "You can't find things in a box," one small boy declared. "And it's hard on the toys to have them dumped in a box," he added. Moreover, shelves make the cleanup job easier.
A counter will serve as desk and work bench. Make it about 24 inches high. Leave space underneath for garage or hangar for trucks and planes so they can be wheeled in. This space can be about 18 inches deep, depending on size of toys and space available.

Shelves hold precious toys which to you appear to be a mess of battered trains, mutilated dolls, dog-eared books of all sizes and shapes, etc.

While children like open shelves, doors may be preferred if toys are stored on shelves in the living room.

To keep kitchen tidy, set aside a space in base cabinet near the play-pen area. As children play throughout the house, it is nice to have more than one storage space for play things.
Toys, such as dolls, toy animals, mechanical toys, blocks, books and small games, can be stored on shelves 12 inches deep. A 48-inch height will be within reach of small children, but the height may vary. Tip-out bins at the bottom of the unit are easy to open and shut and are permanently attached. For older children, simple locks on the bins will protect their valued possessions. This unit is 48 inches wide, 48 inches high and 12 inches deep.

To give a child privacy for his things, a wall desk may be as much room as is available.