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AFTER



If you have room on either side, a freestanding bookcase—even a very narrow one—can mimic the look of built-ins and expand storage space, says Bechen.

BEFORE



MUDROOM

If your entry is heaped with hoodies and backpacks, make a mudroom by the back door says Kathryn Bechen, author of *Small Space Organizing* (Revell).

➤ Put up hooks for everyday items—make sure some are low enough for kids to reach. Relocate out-of-season clothes to bedroom closets. For a personal touch, you might add nameplates.

➤ A bench with cubbies is a place to take off shoes and a convenient drop-off point for grocery bags or books. Toss sneakers and flip-flops in drawers or in baskets underneath.

➤ Set a boot tray on the floor to collect drips and dirt from wet shoes.

➤ Use baskets or bins to hold what you can't hang (gloves, dog toys, balls).

➤ A sisal or indoor-outdoor rug works best in a high-traffic area and is simple to keep clean.

➤ STORE MORE



A magnetic rack keeps keys, mail and to-do lists at the ready. **Pink hook-up strip**, threebythree.com, \$20



Hang a vertical fabric organizer. The loops snap closed to tidy up caps and totes. **Cotton blossom handy hold all**, allforcolor.com, \$20