



In collaboration with C. Lee Cawley of Simplify You

First pare down your collections to your absolute favorites. After editing your collections, display things according to these rules:

CLUSTER: Instead of scattering all of your collections, go through and find all of the bobble heads, shells, salt shakers, baseballs or ceramic figurines and group them together in just one area in your home. Simple gallery wall shelves, trays, and bookshelves are ideal for this kind of display.

THEME: Gather the papyrus scroll, mini-Sphinx, and Egyptian cartouche you brought back from your Nile cruise. Perhaps add a framed photo, and create a small “Egypt” vignette on one shelf or surface. Replace this vignette when you take your next big trip.

MATERIAL: Group all of your clear glass vases in one area and solid white pottery in another. Separate your leather-bound books from your canvas-bound books. Don’t mingle materials.

COLOR: Display all of your blue and white pottery together in one space. Consider “rainbow arranging” all of your Star Wars Lego creations. It will make more sense and be more pleasing to the eye.

ODD NUMBERS: Our eyes enjoy symmetry and odd numbers, so arranging three similar items with the tallest in the center is visually appealing.

