

The Entryway Shoe Storage Planner

A Simple Plan to Clear the Shoe Pile in a Small Entryway

1. Shoe Audit: Keep Near the Door or Store Away

A small entryway cannot hold every pair you own. Count what you wear each week and keep only those by the door.

Shoe type	Pairs you own	Pairs worn each week	Keep by door or store away
Everyday sneakers and flats			
Boots and wet-weather shoes			
Dressy shoes and heels			
Slippers and sandals			
Guest shoes			

- Move out-of-season pairs to a closet or under-bed box.
- Donate pairs you have not worn in a year.

2. Measure Your Entryway Spots

Small entryways leave no room for a wrong guess. Measure each spot once before you order anything.

Spot	What to measure	Your number
Wall beside the door	Width and depth of the free floor space	
Back of the door	Door thickness, width and height	
Wall above the floor	Open wall width for racks or shelves	
Shelf or closet	Height between shelves	
Door swing	Clear space so the door still opens fully	

- Leave a clear walking path next to anything on the floor.
- Check that the door still closes with storage hanging on it.

3. Match the Storage to Your Space

If your entryway has...	Try this type	Check first
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No seat	Small shoe storage bench	Width of the free wall
A very shallow wall	Narrow flip-drawer shoe cabinet	Depth and door swing
No spare floor	Over-the-door shoe organizer	Door thickness
Open wall space	Wall-mounted shoe racks	Lease rules on drilling
Wet boots in winter	Waterproof boot tray	Tray length against the floor
A shelf with wasted height	Adjustable shoe stackers	Gap between shelves
A tight corner	Narrow stackable shoe rack	Width and height

- Pick one main storage piece and one helper, so the entryway does not feel crowded.

4. Weekly Shoe Reset Checklist

- Put every pair back in its spot before bed.
- Wipe the boot tray or mat if it got wet or muddy.
- Pull out pairs you did not wear and move them to storage.
- Check that nothing blocks the door.

5. Entryway Shoe Storage Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Main storage piece			
Boot tray or mat			
Extra racks or stackers			
Total			

- Start with the piece that clears the most floor space.
- Add extras one at a time as the budget allows.