

The Small Apartment No Storage Checklist

Find a home for the big awkward stuff: free fixes first, then measure, then add only what you need

1. Give Every Big Item a Home

Big item	Where it lives now	Where it could live
Vacuum		
Broom and mop		
Suitcases		
Bulk paper towels and TP		
Toolbox		
Off-season bins		

2. Free Fixes (No Shopping)

- Use the one-in, one-out rule for bulk buys: buy a new pack only when the old one is gone.
- Nest the small suitcase inside the big one and fill the inside with off-season stuff.
- Use the dead space behind a door, or the gap behind the sofa, for flat things.
- Store the heaviest items low and the lightest items high.
- Pull out everything you have not used in a year and decide where it goes.
- Write one note on your phone: where every big item lives.

3. Measure Before You Buy

What	How to measure	Your number
Wall space	Width and height of a free wall or the back of a door	
Floor corner	Width and depth of a corner you can spare	
Tallest item	Length of the longest broom, mop or vacuum	
Biggest suitcase	Height, width and depth with wheels	
Stack height	How high you want bins to go	

4. Match the Problem to the Fix

Problem	Try this	Check first
Broom and mop lean on the wall	Wall-mounted broom holder	Stud, drywall or tape surface
Vacuum has no home	Floor stand for a stick vacuum	Your vacuum model and corner size
Seasonal stuff everywhere	Stackable lidded bins	Bin size and stack height
Suitcases take up floor	A nesting luggage set	Sizes with wheels
Not sure yet	Do the free fixes for one week	Then decide

5. Safe Setup Checklist

- Screw into a stud for heavy holders, and use anchors if you cannot find one.
- Check your lease before drilling holes.
- Keep stacks low and steady, with the heavy bin on the bottom.
- Do not store anything that blocks a door, a vent or an exit.
- Use a freestanding stand on a flat, hard floor.

6. Small Apartment Storage Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Broom holder			
Vacuum stand			
Storage bins			
Luggage set			
Total			