

The Toy Storage Small Living Room Reset Checklist

Free habits first, then measure, then add only what you need

1. Find Where the Toys Live Right Now

- List every spot toys land in: couch cushions, under the TV stand, the corner, the coffee table.
- Pull out anything broken, missing pieces, or not touched in a month.
- Box up half of what is left and put it out of sight for a rotation swap.
- Pick one spot in the room that is the toy home, and nowhere else.

2. Measure Before You Buy

What	How to measure	Your number
Wall or corner	Width, depth and height of the free spot	
Under the window or couch	Gap height and width for a bench or bin	
Shelf you own	Shelf width, depth and the gap above it	
Walkway	Space left once the new piece is in	
Floor type	Carpet or hard floor, and what you can slide or carry	

3. Free Habits That Keep Toys Off the Floor

- Use a laundry basket or a box you already own as the nightly toy basket.
- Sort by type only: blocks together, cars together, dolls together.
- Keep a small toy bin per kid, so cleanup is one tidy lap, not a hunt.
- Rotate toys every two weeks and store the rest in a closet bin.
- Do a five minute toy sweep before bedtime, while the kids help.

4. Match the Problem to the Fix

Problem	Try this	Check first
Small toys everywhere, kids cannot find things	Toy organizer with bins	Wall space, wall anchor and weight per shelf
Big toys and blankets spoil the look of the room	Folding storage ottoman bench	Length against the wall and how the lid closes

Tiny pieces like bricks scatter at play time	Play mat toy bin	Bin size, zipper and where it will sit
Not sure yet	Do the free habits first	Box up half the toys this week

5. Weekly 5-Minute Toy Reset

- Put every toy back in its bin, bench or bag.
- Move one more toy into the rotation box.
- Check the couch, the rug and the corners for toys that wandered back.

6. Toy Storage Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Toy organizer with bins			
Folding storage ottoman bench			
Play mat toy bin			
Total			