Store Better.
Live Better.
We create products that are really necessary in everyday life in the shapes that are really necessary.

MUJI has remained true to this philosophy since it was founded in 1980.

The idea of what is truly necessary differs from person to person. Individuals become attached to different things and have different priorities for their lives. Our vision of the Compact Life is a simple, pleasant life that embodies the particular values of an individual.

The MUJI vision of the Compact Life does not involve living without material goods or living in a small way. It means achieving a simple, pleasant life that embodies the personality of the individual who lives the life with versatile products designed to provide just what is necessary.

This booklet offers hints and tips that come from conversations between MUJI staff and customers, as well as suggestions from individuals already living simple, pleasant lives. The Compact Life begins here.
Unit Shelves

MUJI provides a variety of unit shelves with different materials and different heights. They are highly versatile and can be freely combined according to their characteristics.

If you connect wide shelf boards to a Unit Shelf on the wall of the living room where family members gather, you can create a space to place a large TV set, while still having sufficient storage spaces to put together piles of books and DVDs. If you install inner panels, the books are hard to topple over and help hide the side frames, creating a neat impression.

Create a space for your hobby by making use of the corner of a room using corner shelves from the unit shelf series and arranging them in a U-shape. By using a low shelf, the wall space above can be freely decorated with arts and photos.

Structure of Unit Shelf

Construct a shelf perfect for your room by freely combining shelf boards, frames and other parts as desired.

Basic combinations are provided as set in two sizes.

Small: W58 x H83cm

Wide/Large: W58 x H175.5cm

Unit shelves can be converted to a wagon if you attach wheels on them. You can move it to a warm sunny place, making it easier to take care of your plants.

Combine shelves of different heights to accommodate the windows. You can place a table that has a consistent width with that of the shelf board. In this way, more space can be saved. If you add parts for small shelves or boxes with doors, you can achieve both storage styles; displaying things that you like and keeping miscellaneous things out of sight.

*The box with wheels placed under the table is not for sale.
Devise storage methods for clothing by material, shape of the cloth or frequency of wearing; for example, hanging, folding, or putting them in a box. It also makes it look neat and allows easier coordination of clothes.

MUJI’s highly versatile unit shelves can be used in various rooms regardless of location. The possibilities of usage are expanded depending on the ideas.

When making use of the entire wall surface to build wardrobe storage, the entire room can be used like a walk-in closet. A Unit Shelf with a bar attached to it allows you to keep plenty of clothes inside, providing enough space for each family member.

Assembling unit shelves according to the size of the closet allows you to store clothes tidily. Store clothes that you often wear in the middle and bottom compartments for better visibility and accessibility, and store off-season clothing in a box or case and place it in the top compartment.

Assembling unit shelves of varying height and width makes it possible to integrate necessary functions, such as a desk, wardrobe, etc., into one.

For the desk area, the level of the shelf board is 64.5cm, so, you can combine it with a sofa-type chair (living-dining sofa) even in a studio apartment or a small room.

For the corner, a 45cm-height mini type shelf is used. It fits under the window and can be used as a bedside table as well.

Nook and Cranny | Wardrobe and Closet

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Connect shelves to form a low shelf unit, creating a large capacity storage. You can realize a user-friendly workspace by separating two storage styles of “displaying” and “keeping out of sight”, while combining with parts and storage products.
83cm-height shelves are perfect for food preparation in the kitchen. Spacious space can be created by combining shelves and assembling them back-to-back. Display books, plates, etc, in style on the side facing the living room, and keep things that tend to clutter, such as cooking utensils and trash cans, etc out of sight on the side that faces the kitchen.

*The counter’s top board is not for sale.

Create a storage area by taking advantage of the height in the limited space of the laundry room. By using soft boxes, you can temporarily store clothes before washing.

*(Photo on the right)*
Store items such as hangers, laundry pins, net, etc, which are used at the same time in a soft box. It would be convenient to carry the entire box when you need to use the items.

Inside a walk-in closet, 2 units of shelves with depths of 40cm and 25cm (for special order only) are placed on the left and right sides respectively to accommodate the stuffs you wish to store. Doing so creates a walkway path, while items can still be stored neatly. On the 40cm shelves, clothes are hung in two rows, while on the 25cm shelves, polypropylene drawer-type cases are stacked together, in which folded-up clothes are stored.

*Unit Shelf in Grey has discontinued. New launch colour in Light Grey, available from June 2019.*

Attach a side panel to the side of the shelf so that recipes or memos can be attached to it with magnets. Aprons and accessories can be hung with S-shaped hooks on the shelf frames. You can also install a desktop for searching recipes while cooking or doing other work.

*Side panel is only available in Dark Grey

Convert unit shelves into a wagon by attaching wheels. It can also be used as a mobile worktop.

In the pantry where food and supplies are stored, assemble shelves in U-shape to make the most of the limited space. Place heavy items directly on the floor without using shelf boards, and store small things on small shelves.

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A rich variety of MUJI Unit Shelf Series makes it possible to freely assemble a unit that fits in the area, even in limited space.

By connecting shelves of varying heights, space under the stairs can be used effectively. When shelves are assembled in a grid form using 42cm wide shelf boards, the space turns into a gallery where things you display stand out. The width and height of a stacking chest fits perfectly into a grid, in which you can keep out-of-sight things that otherwise tend to clutter.

(Photograph on the left)
If you place unit shelves under the stairs, the light penetrates through the unit, emitting a bright atmosphere.

By using 25cm depth shelf boards (for special order only), you can build shoe racks compactly in a small space. Variable mounting position of the shelf board makes it possible to keep shoes with different heights, even high boots. While shoehorns, shoe brush and other items can be hung on the frames.

The entrance hall is the first place that you will step foot from the outside, and the ideal storage material should be one that can be cleaned easily and immediately when they get dirty. It would be convenient if you make a space to store accessories other than shoes.

For storing items in the entrance hall, select stainless steel or steel shelf boards, which you can wipe quickly when dirtied. Keep off-season shoes, etc. in harder to reach upper shelves.

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Stacking Shelves

The popularity of stacking shelves lies in how easily extendible they are. Designed on a square grid, the shelves can be freely expanded both vertically and horizontally, incorporating wide-type extension units and open-type extension units. Choose from oak and walnut to create numerous variations in combination that complements your lifestyle and interior design perfectly.

**Joining**

Additional shelves can be connected when your belonging increases as time passes. The unit size can be decided according to the size of the room and the volume of things.

With no backing, these shelves are open on both sides, making them ideal as a room divider that creates the perfect interior.
Leave the middle section hollow and place a TV set inside. Designate areas where items such as books, ornamental plants, box storage organizers are stored to create a harmonious and neat appearance.

*The uppermost stacking shelf is mounted on the wall.
*The wooden doors are not for sale.

**Standardized Modules**

The storage products are designed in standardized dimensions so that the drawers and baskets could fit exactly in the compartments.

- 02554057 Stacking Chest Oak - 2 Drawers
- 02554064 Stacking Chest Oak - 4 Drawers
- 47381313 Stackable Rattan Basket Rectangular - Large
- 18014002 Stackable Buri Basket Rectangular - Large

**Example 01**

TV stand

**Example 02**

Making use of the entire wall surface

With only 28.5cm deep, these shelves are narrow enough to comfortably cover the entire surface of a wall, providing a large storage capacity while saving space at the same time.

**Example 03**

Follow the shape of the room

Make the most of room light by working around windows. Combine low shelves in-front of windows with high shelves against the wall to create a storage unit that matches the lines of your home.
Oak Chest / Drawer

Choose from the North American white oak or walnut wooden storage lines that's easy to match with other furniture. The heights of the 4-tier chests, cabinets as well as the unit shelves (small) have been made uniform at a height of 83cm, achieving a streamlined appearance.

Stacking Cabinet

By combining additional sets and parts with the Basic Set, you can create storage space according to the purpose, such as AV racks, book shelves, storage shelves, and desk in the living room and bedrooms.
Pulp Board Box

Light and durable storage box organizers that can be used both vertically and horizontally. From A4 size box to multi racks which the shelf spacing can be adjusted. A variety of shapes and sizes are available to choose from, depending on your storage needs and location.

Combined with standard size files, it is also useful for classifying and organizing documents. When numbering the drawers, you can identify the document that you need from outside at a glance. Cardboard drawers in two different sizes are available to choose from according to the purpose.

Create bookshelves by arranging the boxes on its side, and then stacking them horizontally, and placing them back-to-back. It also serves as a partition to segregate the spaces which you can use as meeting areas.

*The white panels as shown in the photo are not for sale. *Be sure to observe the maximum load weight. *Please secure the back on the floor when using as a partition.

Regular shoes, high-cut sneakers, boots and other types of shoes with different heights can be stored without wasting space. When combining with a multi rack that allows adjustable shelves to be mounted at an interval of 2.9cm, small items such as shoe care products can be conveniently organized.
Methods of choosing your suitable storage

In considering the storage methods that’s fitting to one’s lifestyle, it is important to firmly grasp the category and quantity of the items you wish to store, as well as the available spaces. Follow below steps 1 - 4 to check and choose.

01 | Confirm the items for storing.
Firstly, make a list of things to put away. Upon doing so, you will review your belongings and keep only what you really need.

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Cosmetics
- Stationery
- Books
- Toys
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Tableware
- Food
- Others

02 | Check the volume of things that you want to put away.
Check the volume of things that you want to put away. By checking the size and quantity of items that you have currently stored, you will get an understanding on a rough estimation of volume.

03 | Decide a place to store things in, and select materials according to the place.
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<td>Materials that nicely match your furniture</td>
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04 | Measure the size of the space you want to store your things in.
Measure the size of the space you want to store your things in. If there is a protruding part, a partition, a power outlet, etc, measure the area including such part.
Storage Units

Organizing space in the house helps create more space that you can use freely. In the following pages, we will introduce storage examples using a combination of small storage units suitable for different areas such as kitchen, living room and so on. We hope it would be a source of inspiration for your own storage ideas and lifestyle.

Storage Units | Select the suitable material according to the intended items for storing.

- PP Storage Box (15112098)
- PP Storage Case (37192447)
- PP Storage Rack (37150713)
- PP Storage Case with Caster (15521821)
- PP Make-up Box (37495955)
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Sorting Partitions | For use to further divide and organize drawers and storage articles.

- Soft Polyethylene Case (38749479)
- Acrylic Case 3 Row (15915507)
- Polypropylene Stand File Box (15915439)
- PP File Box Standard Type (02481629)
- PP Desk Storage Box (18421572)
- Polypropylene Organizer Box (15746644)

Entrance Hall Storage

Divide small items to be placed in the entrance hall into groups by its purpose, for example, things to be used when you come home, things to be used for cleaning, etc.

Slot instead of stacking items such as foldable umbrellas, slippers and other tall items in file boxes for easier access.

Attaching a magnetic-type hanger on the metal door provides convenience to hang small stuff, such as a shoehorn or an umbrella.
Bedroom

For a closet with depth, a storage product with wheels is recommended. Since it can be pulled out, you can easily reach items kept at the back.

Also, a drawer-type case caters to a large storage capacity by making use of the depth. The semi-transparent polypropylene case allows you to see what’s inside the drawer while obscuring the contents with the cloudiness to maintain a neat look. If you combine cases according to the length of the clothes hanging on the upper compartment, you can store things without wasting space.

Wardrobe Storage

Point | How to fold and stack clothes vertically

T-shirt

1. Place shirt with back side facing up, and fold one side towards the center.
2. Fold up about two fifths from the hem.
3. Fold a sleeve. Fold it twice more.
4. Repeat the same way of folding on the other side.
Done.

Socks

1. Fold in half. Fold in half again. Done.

01 | T-shirts, underwear, socks, etc, are folded up, and then slot in upright. In this way, their colors or patterns are visible and you are able to retrieve the item individually. Fold them at a consistent width so that you can store them neatly.

02 | Bags of different shapes and sizes are stored in an upright position in file boxes. In this way, it looks neat and you do not have to worry about them getting out of shape. The box has fingerholes, which make it easy to be taken down from a high shelf.
Child's Room

Design a designated storage area for children's items to allow your child to use and put them away by themselves. Storage products made of soft materials are recommendable as they are safe to be used by children and easily match existing furniture.

Store children's items such as clothes or toys in boxes and cases. This is a convenient and flexible method as such boxes can be carried around easily. For boxes and cases, soft materials such as cloth, polyethylene, etc are recommended.

Child's Room Storage

Roughly dividing the children's item into groups, e.g., "Drawings", "Stuffed Toys", "Building Blocks", "Balls", etc so that the child can clean up by himself/herself.

Store children's item in a low position so that he/she can easily reach them and clean up by himself/herself. A canvas basket allows you to draw patterns and illustrations directly on it with crayons for cloth.

If you mark the storage area with illustrations or embroidery*, the child will have an understanding on what's inside, and have a fun cleaning time.

*MUJI Plaza Singapura provide chargeable embroidery services on selected items.
*Depending on the part which the embroidery is arranged, this service may not be provided. For details, please contact the store staff at the mentioned store.
Bathroom

A washbasin space tends to get crowded with small stuff such as skincare, makeup items, towels and so on.

You can use boxes to organize them for each purpose or organize things that you want to keep out-of-sight. Doing so help make the area look tidy.

For storage around the washbasin, choose a steel shelf, which is easy to clean. If you combine storage products with the shelf, you can use such spaces to place a laundry box or detergent that you have stocked up on.

Bathroom Storage

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The kitchen gets dirty easily with oil splashes and seasoning during cooking. If you choose stainless steel or polypropylene storage products, you can easily keep them clean at any point of time.

On the high shelves, items stored are of least frequent use. A “File Box” is the best choice to casually store things inside that are irregular in shape, like baking tools.

Store drainer nets in an “EVA Case with Zipper” attached onto the sink cabinet door. You can reach them immediately when you need them.

In the lower storage area with depth, arrange ‘Polypropylene Cases’ to store food inside. If you divide food items into groups for each drawer, inventory management will also be clear.

On the easy-to-reach shelves, keep things that are used many times a day, such as tea canisters. Create double tier storage by using a U-shaped “Acrylic Partition Shelf”.

If your drawer is deep, stackable “Polypropylene Make-up Boxes and Trays” come in handy. It is easy to use and convenient if you group things and store them in the first-tier and second-tier trays in accordance with the usage frequency.

MUJI Unit Shelf, the size of which can be determined according to the size of the room fits just right into the wall surface with windows. Additional parts such as drawers can be integrated, so you can customize it freely according to the things that you store.

Take advantage of morsels of otherwise unused space such as the side of the refrigerator to place a stocker with wheels, which makes a convenient and mobile storage solution. Choose drawer-type cases that help prevents dust from entering the compartment.

Wall Surface | Wall surface with window

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Tips & Pointers of Kitchen Storage!