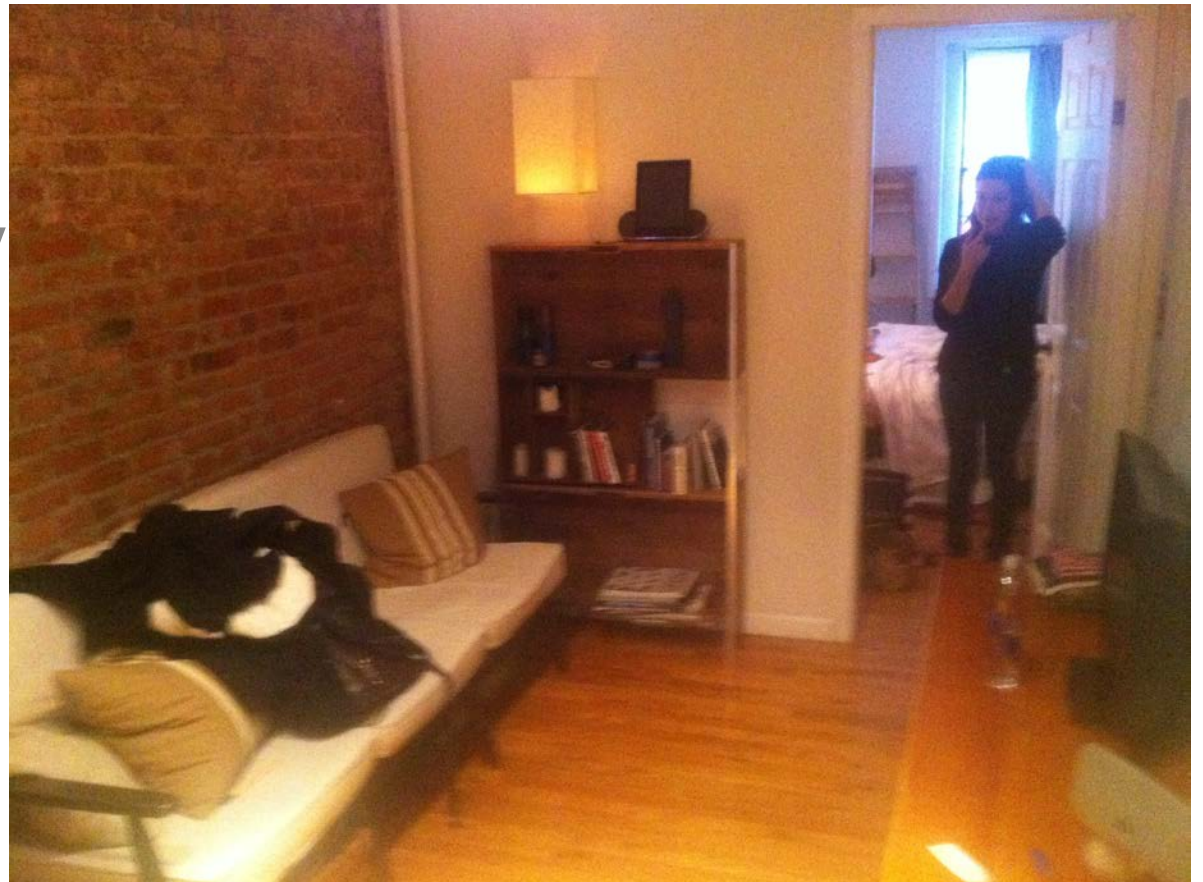


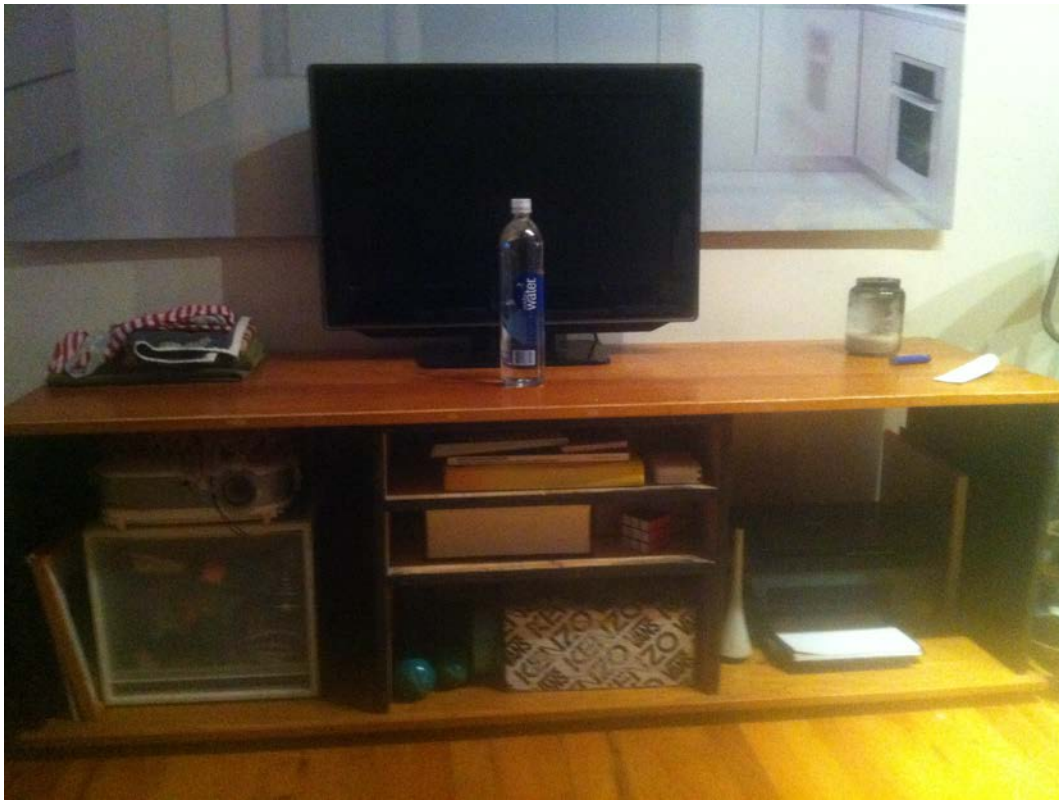
KTL's Apartment

An ethnography study

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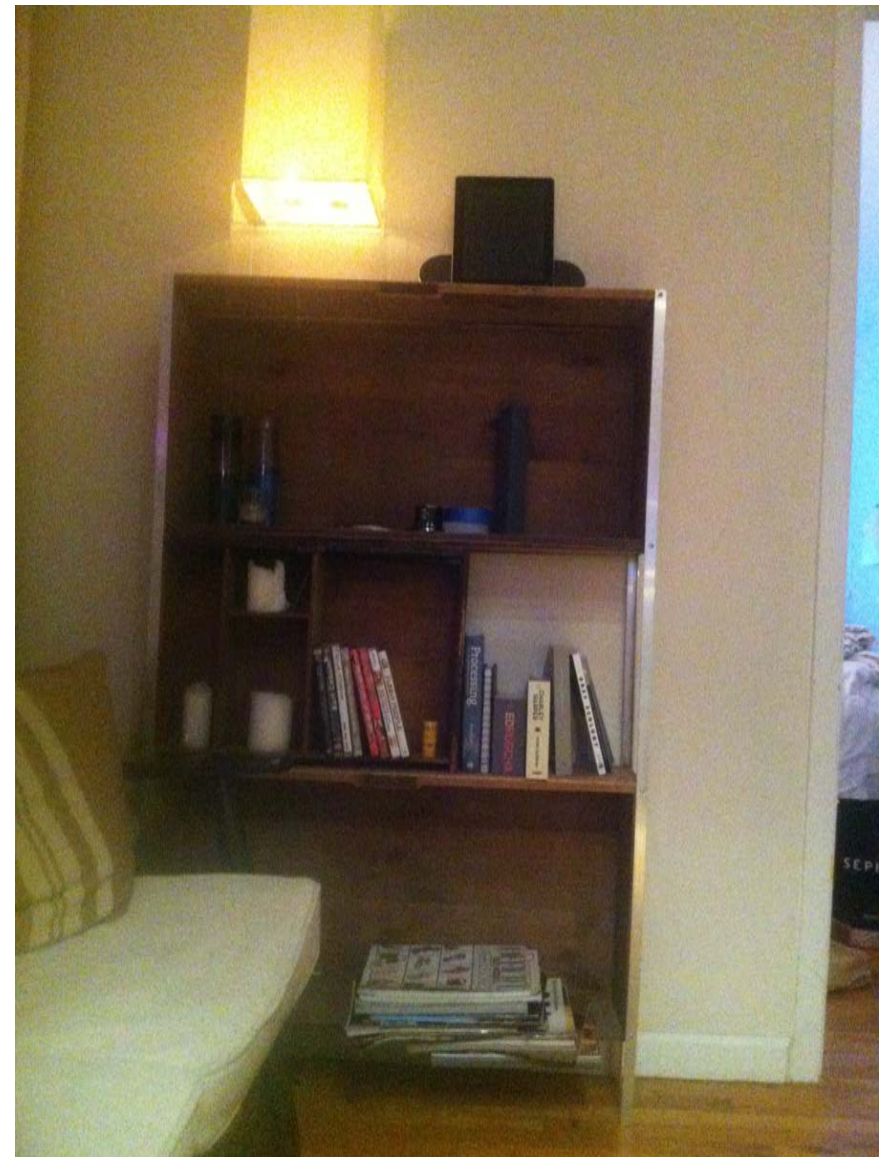
Project Background



- KTL's apartment
 - St. Mark's and 1st Ave.
 - 1st Floor
 - Facing street
- Chose 'Apartment Organization' with focus on why certain areas and objects lack organization and others don't
- Why are some things organized and others are not?

Project Methodology

- Questions focused on why specific objects were put away neatly while some where not.
- Asked to demonstrate “getting home” routine.
- Planned to observe:
 - Living room shelves and tables, coat racks
 - Closet
 - Bathroom
 - Drawers



Key Findings

- “I make a concerted effort to remain simple”
 - Doesn’t collect many books
 - Mostly roommate’s furniture
 - Other than clothes, she keeps things that remind her of home or have emotional value
- Recently used items aren’t put away.
 - Recently used clothes are strewn across the floor
 - Commonly used coats are on coat rack rather than closet

Overflow

Dresser and closet are full of clothes.

Clothes piled on top of full hamper

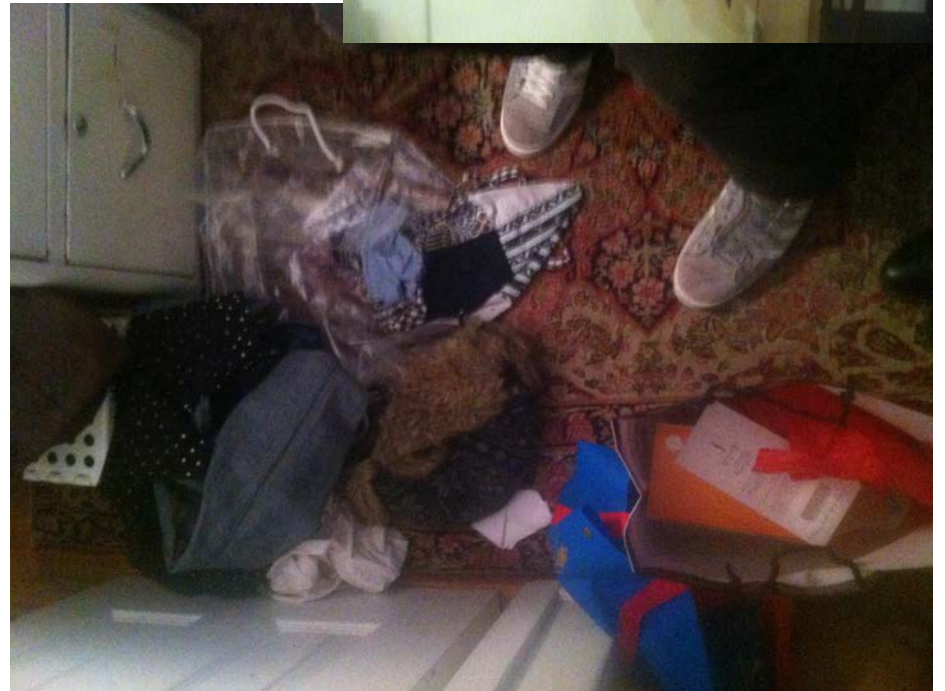
Lack of drawers for school supplies (i.e. no desk drawers)

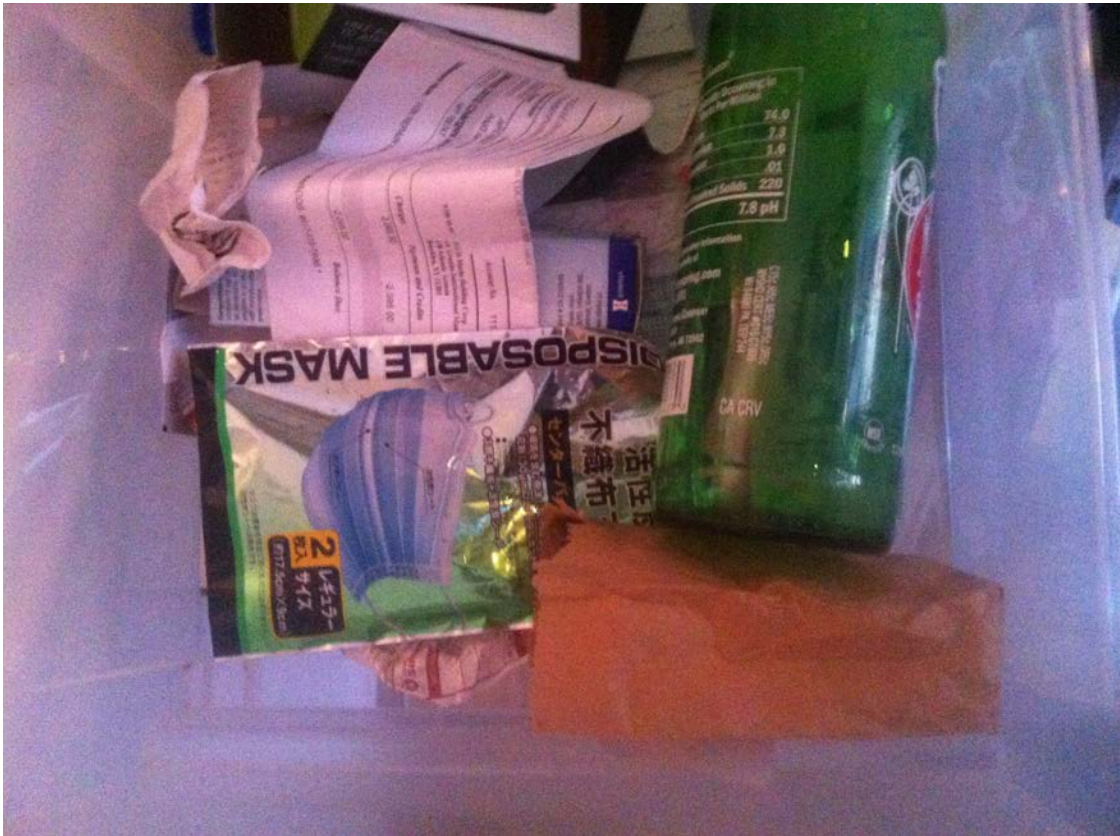
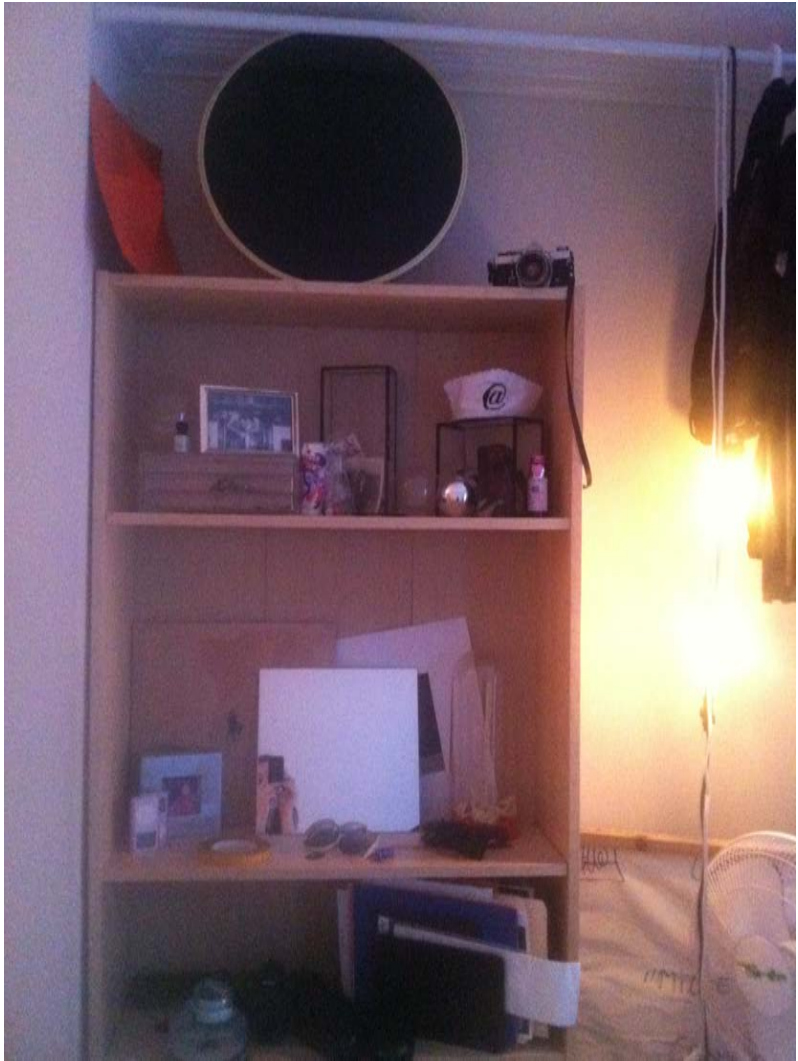
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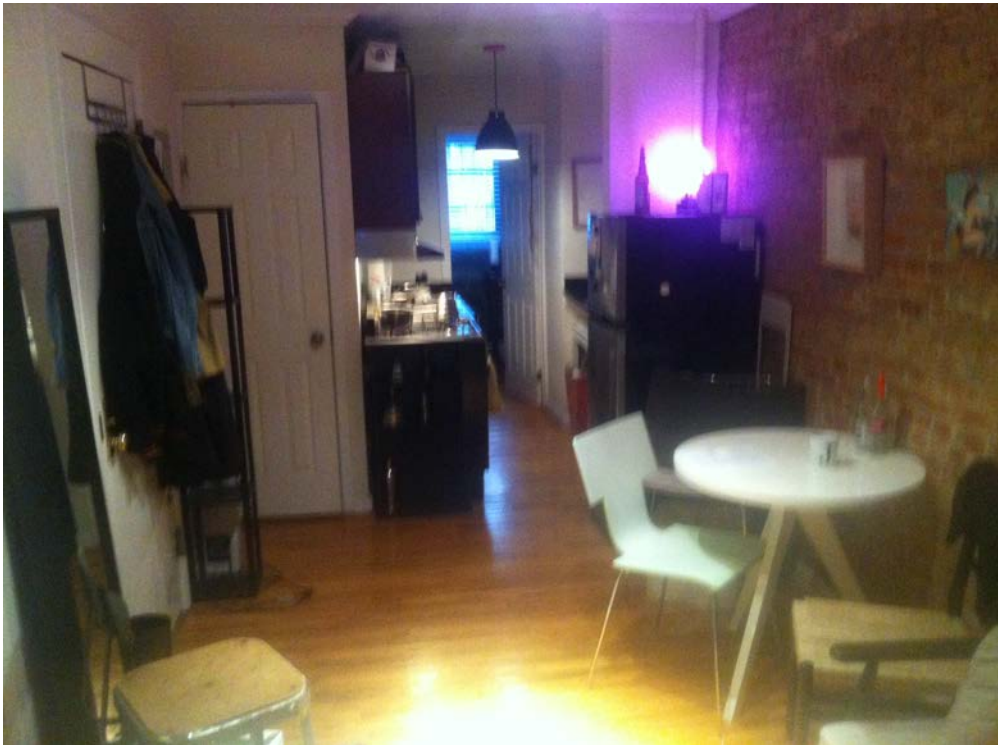
Drawers are unorganized because objects aren’t classified in categories that could be otherwise organized in individual drawers.

“What am I supposed to do with this stuff”









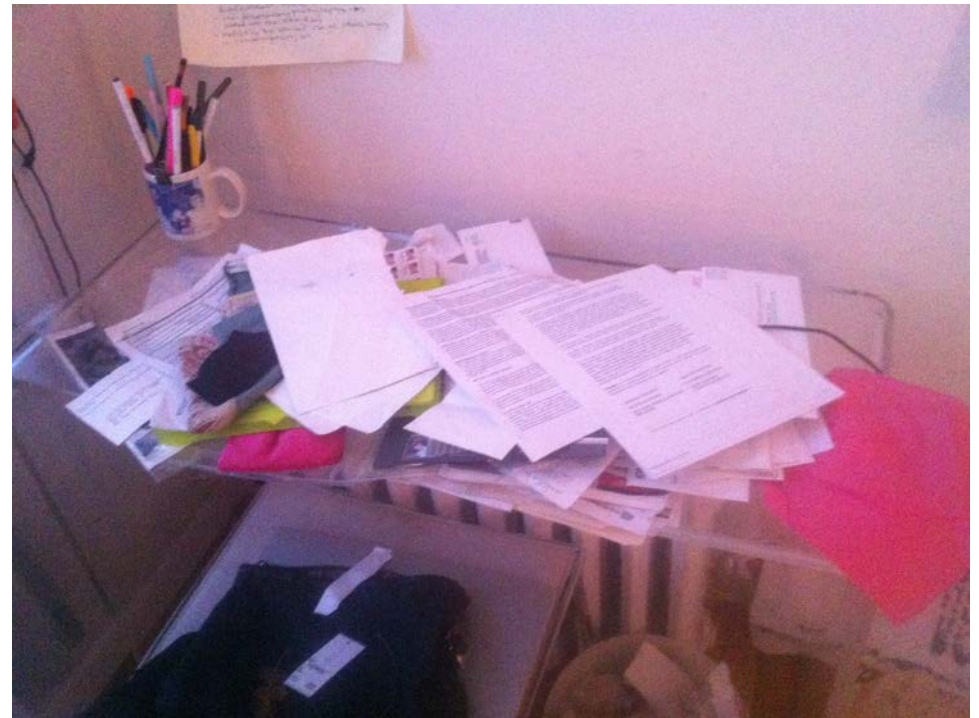
Surprises or Changes in Perspective

- More value is given to items that are neatly organized or purposefully on display
- Trying to remain simple, yet still own a lot of stuff
- Common area vs private bedroom have completely different levels of organization



Recommendations

- More Storage Space
 - Drawers, shelves, bins
 - Easily accessible and compartmentalized.
 - Make organizing and tidying more efficient, less time consuming
- Spring cleaning
 - Could get rid of unused items
- Weekly tidying



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