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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Krystle DePardo, Founder of Simplify Life Maximize Space LLC

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Tell us about you.

My name is Krystle DePardo! I've had a passion for organizing for as long as I can remember. Even as a child, I made sure my bedroom was neat, my clothes were folded in my bureau and hung in my closet so I always knew where everything was. I also had labeled bins in the back of my closet for seasonal clothing and extra sheets and comforters.

Fast forward to adulthood: I'm now married with two teenage daughters, three dogs, two cats, and a home that I continue to keep organized! The only difference is that now I have a lot more bins than I did as a kid—so they don't all fit in the back of my closet anymore.

My favorite season is fall. I love meeting new people and hearing about their life journeys. I enjoy listening to audiobooks, snuggling with my dogs, traveling, supporting others on their personal and professional paths (new businesses, mental health, learning new skills), working out, organizing, and learning something new about myself every day. I look forward to organizing with you!

What inspired you to start Simplify Life Maximize Space LLC?

I started my business with the intention of helping others live a stress-free, organized life. So often between work, school, kids, sports, and other activities, our safe space—our home—can become overwhelming and unorganized.

I began by helping friends and family with their organizational needs. They appreciated my storage solutions and my gentle, supportive approach throughout the process. With their encouragement—and my goal of helping others find peace at home—I took a leap of faith and started my business!

My business name says it all: I'll come to your home, office, or recreational vehicle to Simplify Your Life and Maximize Your Space!

What are the most common organizing challenges your clients face?

Most of my clients feel limited by time and aren't sure where to start. Some have ADHD, are downsizing or moving, or have hobbies—like crafting or collect-

ing—that have taken over their space. Others simply don't know what type of storage solutions would best fit their needs.

What are some factors that come into play when it comes to organization?

There are many! Depending on what you're storing, temperature and environment can make a difference. For example, in summer you need lawn tools and a weed whacker; in winter, you need your snowblower. Do they share a space, or do

we need to find new storage?

If your space is limited, we find creative ways to make it work. We also consider whether the items are everyday essentials (pantry, drop zone, closet) or seasonal (decorations, clothing, or shoes).

Accessibility is key. The most important factor is keeping only what you need. If an item no longer serves you—or you haven't used it in months or years—I'll remove it from your home and donate it to someone in need.

Can you share a before-and-after success story that illustrates what you can do?

Absolutely! One of my most memorable clients was feeling overwhelmed and depressed after a difficult period in her life. She had lost interest in her favorite activity—crafting—which once brought her joy and peace.

When she reached out, she sent me a video of her crafting room where the floor was completely covered. She was embarrassed, but I assured her there was no judgment—only compassion. Over several weeks, we worked together to rebuild her space. She purchased new furniture, and we built shelving units. I researched the best storage solutions for her supplies, and together we sorted ev-

erything—keeping what she loved, donating what she didn't.

I checked in often for “mental health breaks” to make sure she felt comfortable. When we finished, her space was transformed—and so was her outlook. She's now crafting all the time again and even picked up a new passion: resin art! I recently helped her organize her resin materials, labeling clear bins for molds, glitters, powders, and more. Seeing her joy return is why I love what I do.

What's a simple organizing tip someone could apply immediately at home?

Start small. Pick one space—maybe a junk drawer, sock drawer, or utensil tray—and spend ten minutes going through it. Ask yourself, “When was the last time I used this?” If it's been more than three months, you probably won't use it again. Donate or discard items as appropriate.

Starting small builds momentum. As you grow more comfortable, you can expand your time and tackle bigger areas.

How do you determine what organizing solutions are right for each client or space?

It depends entirely on the client's needs. I offer a free consultation—either in person or by photos—to assess the space and discuss goals.

Because homes are personal, I always ask clients whether they'd like to participate in the process or prefer I work independently. I respect privacy boundaries and adhere to them carefully.



Closet before.



Closet after.



How do you stay current with organizing trends and techniques?

I love learning from others in the field! I've read *The Home Edit*, *The Home Edit Stay Organized*, and *The Home Edit Life* by Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin. After reading their books, I discovered their Netflix series, *Get Organized with The Home Edit*, and binge-watched it! I was thrilled to see that many of their techniques were ones I was already using—and I picked up even more from them.

I also frequently browse Pinterest for inspiration and new storage ideas.

What is your approach to clients from the first conversation through completion? Do you offer follow-up support?

I start by listening to each client's story—how they arrived at this point and what they hope to achieve. I then visit the space (or review photos) and research storage solutions that fit their needs, style, and budget.

Clients can choose to order the recommended items themselves, or I can handle the ordering to reduce stress. During the organizing process, they can work alongside me to learn techniques or allow me to handle it while keeping them updated.

My approach is compassionate, non-judgmental, patient, respectful, honest, supportive, and reliable. I understand that organization can be emotional. If a client needs to pause or take a mental health break, we do.

When the project is complete, I walk clients through their new space and let them know I'm available for follow-ups, refreshes, or new projects anytime.

What has been the most rewarding part of running your business?

Hearing the joy and relief in my clients' voices when they see their transformed spaces. Many tell me I've brought life back into rooms that once felt heavy or forgotten. Knowing I've helped them create a space that feels calm, functional, and truly their own—that's the most meaningful reward.

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