

# Challenge Week 3

## ORGANIZE SPICES AND HERBS

I use a spice drawer. I've always kept the spices in their original containers. I currently have the spices arranged so that 28 spices fit in the drawer (so I can read the labels), but there are at least another 10 to 15 spices that don't fit in the drawer. You can also follow me on twitter at [https://twitter.com/\\_livingwithdana](https://twitter.com/_livingwithdana) if you need challenge reminders.

### Gather

Gather all your spices and check expiration dates. Toss the old. If you can't find an expiration date, sniff the spice and if there's no scent left, and you can't remember how long ago it was purchased, toss it.

### Clean

Wipe down the drawer and install drawer liner. Currently, my spice drawer does not have a drawer liner so this will be an improvement.

### Install organizers/dividers

If using expand-to-fit drawer organizers or tiered racks, install now.

### Arrange spices

Organize your spices in the drawer so that you can easily find what you need. There are several ways to do this including alphabetically, by type (Mexican, Chinese), or simply by size.

### Ideas for Spice Drawer

I am going to upgrade to a uniform spice bottle system. I can purchase 12 square spice bottles with labels for under \$15 or a 25-piece set for \$27, both on Amazon. Since I have a lot of spices I may buy one of each. I've seen some small mason jars used to organize a spice jar but I think the jars would be too small to hold an entire spice bottle. I'm not sure, but looking on various websites it appears that spice jars hold 4 ounces as do small mason jars. Hmmmm, what to do.