

3 Key Things to Remember When You're Downsizing or Decluttering

Getting rid of stuff is never really easy. But when you're moving to a new (smaller) place and have to downsize your belongings, you've usually got a hard deadline and actual space limitations breathing down your neck. Whether you've got a move coming up or just need to declutter, take this advice from real people who've just recently downsized.

1. Plan ahead

Allison Crawford, who downsized from a 4-bedroom to a 2-bedroom home, suggests:

"Plan ahead. Give yourself time to decide what items are important to you, and pre-plan the layout of your new space. This way you won't waste time and energy moving things to the new space that won't fit. Don't be afraid to start over. A new space is an opportunity to try out a totally different look than your last home! Be bold, don't feel like you have to shy away from bright colors because the space is small."

2. Enjoy the process

Melissa, who moved into a small trailer, advises:

"I would tell anyone else downsizing to enjoy it! I think we fear the idea of the process more than the process itself. I promise it will not be nearly as painful as you think, and you'll learn a lot about yourself and just how much you can live without."

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3. Take your time

Pelin (who's behind the style, beauty and business blog [The Dapper Post](#)) writes:

"Definitely take your time. It took longer than I thought it would to pare down. If you have the time, sell your own stuff rather than doing it through consignment stores. Make use of rolling racks — they are so useful when you don't have enough closet space. And fabric boxes! They are a lifesaver — they organize everything from linen to stationary, and look nice."

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