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With five children, attending three different schools, I need to be organized. And believe it or not, I am organized in a disorganized way. There are times it's necessary to decide which pile of papers to sift through to find that book order, but hey, nine times out of 10 I find it. There is logic to my piles of papers though at times I forget the formula. But when someone needs something, I come through.

In fact, I started to read several books to help me out. One was on clutter, but I misplaced it somewhere in a pile. Another book addresses the issue of attention deficit disorder, but I

got distracted while reading it and can't seem to focus long enough to implement the suggestions. I'm trying though. Just yesterday I set out to clean my infant daughter's room. How do 18-month-old children get so haphazard about their clothing? While sorting socks, I found my missing cookbook, and proceeded to peruse the recipes that got me so excited a few months back when I last saw the book. On the way downstairs to try out one of these delicious entrees, I found my 4-year-old son's shoe that had been missing at least two weeks.

Newly energized, I cooked up

a fantastic repertoire of dinner and dessert, and presented a nearly euphoric little boy with his missing "Sonic the Hedgehog" shoe. What a great night!

Yes, my daughter's room is still a disaster. My children's teachers complain that they don't seem to be organized and keep losing things. I haven't yet mastered the art of using a planner; my last load of laundry is sitting in the washer smelling moldy, it's snowing and my herbs haven't yet been harvested. It was a total surprise when my friend, Marie, showed up with her two kids tonight for our pre-arranged babysitting agreement. And there are still a few Easter bunny decorations on my shelves.

But what the heck, I love my kids, they are fed and clothed daily, friends come and go, my husband wears clean and usually pressed clothes to work each day. The seven of us make it to most engagements on time including church at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday dressed to the max. I rarely pay bills late or get overdue library notices. I can find the medicine in two seconds that my husband has thoroughly searched for six times. I have no difficulty remembering some 70 birthdays this year.

I think I deserve some credit for my disorganized system of organization. I may be a slob, but I'm an organized slob.

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tomers in several states and Canada. Everything is available by mail order. Because of the weight of cement geese, mail customers can opt for plastic geese, which she also stocks. She advertises in the Gaggle Newsletter, a Northville based publication which bills itself as "the general association of glee-ful goose lovers."

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