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## House secrets hidden object game

Eliphante is a home with one found object -- art is reason enough to justify its existence. It was created by Michael Kahn and Leda Levant, two artists who acquired property outside Cornville in Ariz. in 1980. The couple's primary materials were rocks from the surrounding landscape and weathered the tree brought to their doorstep by the annual rainy season. Eliphante's windows are stained glass windows made of pieces of glass that are found here and there. Inside the house are sculptures and paintings produced by the couple. Even the truck they drove to Arizona in now serves as a wall for the apartment. As time passed, the house turned into a full-fledged junction with freestanding outbuildings, an art gallery and a Nennis court (a tennis court without a net). Despite exposure to the elements, Eliphante still stands -- although a review of residential properties in the complex concluded that the necessary repairs would be about \$28,000 [source: New York Times]. Advertisement Sometimes art is mixed with practicality in a house with a found object. The waste house began as a challenge for a group of San Franciscans to build a recycled home. They proved that, indeed, it is possible to build a home from reused and creative materials instead of standard drywall and linoleum. One interior wall is made entirely of hanging fire hoses; the other is a thick wall of phone books. The floor in one room is lined with conveyor belts, and there is a door floor. While it may sound as if the house was easusing a line between high art and madness, professional architects and designers were involved in creating Scrap House. As a result, it carries a design that would attract many homeowners. The bedroom is located on a mezzanine floor with a grand staircase leading to it, and the ceilings are doused with skylights [source: Scrap House]. The Scrap House group says some materials have been poshed from construction sites and dumps. Others were donated by organizations that no longer needed these things. Conveyor belts used for floors, for example, were a gift from SFO International Airport. Longevity was not the goal of the project: The house was built for World Environmental Day in 2005. Big Dig House also illustrates the nexus where practicality meets art. The home was named after a construction project in which the materials were salvaged. When the city of Boston expanded its highway system by adding a huge tunnel, there was a lot of debris from the project. One big dig engineer used 600,000 pounds of concrete and steel -- which would be discarded at taxpayers' expense -- to build a modern house in Lexington, Mass. [Source: Business Week]. A few states away, Duane Thorin decided to build much of his house from properties with a long history. Fairfax County, The house has a kitchen floor made of stone slabs from the barracks of the First World War prisoner of war camp. Some of the wood that supports the ceiling comes from a Confederate military hospital. Thorin's views on history are also looking ahead - he bricked up two time capsules in the walls of the home. One contains this inscription: The house was built with materials rejected by one of the most aceding societies in the world [source: US GenNet]. For more information on unusual houses and other related topics, please visit the following page. Participating in a show house can also be expensive. While it is often possible to borrow furniture from suppliers and find sponsors for fabric and wallpaper, there will always be costs for services such as delivery and installation, which designers have to pay for. It's an investment, Robinson.To reduce costs, Williams recommends looking for new craftsmen who might be willing to work largely together for exposure. If you want to make a decorative mural or some beautiful color finish, try to find craftsmen who want to get their work out, she says. Maybe they'll do it for some nominal amount, or even for free. Flexibility is key when installing the room. You have to be ready to solve the problem, says interior designer Iris Dankner, founder of the Holiday House show house in New York and the Hamptons, which is expanding in London this September. Sometimes you will begin to install and see that the chandelier you have chosen is already used by another designer, so you need to change it. Or, once one of our designers had his own cabinet stuck in customs, so she had to change her entire design. Alex Papachristidis' gleaming dining room in Kips Bay in 2016. Photo: Phillip EnnisHow do the houses of selected designers show? Even top events like Kips Bay and Holiday House are wide open to new talent as they look to nurture a vibrant mix of established and emerging designers. Like most show houses, they ask designers to submit portfolios for consideration, which are examined by the board. We look at the work, the company's social media monitoring and whether they have the financial resources to do so, Dankner says.Once the room is complete and open to the public, the designer can take advantage of the experience by being present in the room or having an employee attending, as often as possible. The more a designer can spend time in a show house meeting people, the better they'll be, says Williams, who also recommends having business cards and other printed material on hand. I used to put all my sources on the sheet for people to take, and they would always leave quickly. Finally, says Heissmann, get the best possible photos of your space you can afford and make sure you have the right to share them, so they can be added to shared on Instagram and distributed to publications. Let's hope it's one of the best things you've ever done, Williams notes, and then you can communicate it to the public yourself. 1/13 sirastock/ShutterstockEven if you don't consider yourself a collector of things, things always seem to pile up in every corner and on every worktop. Start following the one-out rule in the future, says Nancy Haworth of on Task in Raleigh, North Carolina. When you buy something new, you go, sell, or donate an older item to create space for a new item. For more expert advice on clean freaks, check out what professional house cleaners do in their own homes every day. 2/13 Everything about space/ShutterstockJunk trays have a habit of pouring on what should be an otherwise clean, empty surface. Counters and tables practically beg to be packed with stray mail and other coefficients and ends. People with clean homes immediately get to grips with the problem. When you keep large, flat surfaces clean, they're not only more visually appealing, they're also easier to wipe, says Carrie Higgins, author of Hacks and founder of the making lemonade blog. Do not store appliances on counters or clutter on the table. Plus: These 10 cleaning tips will help you get to grips with the whole house. 3/ 13 REDPIXEL.PL/ShutterstockClean homes are not only miraculously cleaned – neat people have a protocol in place to keep things tidy. People with tidy homes tend to have a cleaning schedule and routines so dirt and laundry don't have time to pile up, Higgins says. For example, they designated a specific day for vacuuming or laundry every Monday so that these big tasks would not be skipped. Keep in mind that you don't actually clean your house in one of these 10 ways. 4/ 13 OSORIOartist / ShutterstockSometimes these are really small things that lend to a shimmering residence. Bailey Gaddis, certified professional organizer and author of Feng Shui Mommy, begins with a shoe-taking policy. When shoes are left at the door you prevent toxins, soil, leaves and other good things that quickly soil the floors to get into your home, she says. Find out even more reasons why you'll want to make a shoeless policy in your home. 6/13 Africa Studio/Shutterstock People whose homes always look clean don't wait until it looks like a bomb has exploded. Brittany Bergman wrote on HuffPost. Instead, they have routines. This could mean rearming the throw pillows and folding blankets when they end up in the family room every night, having the children put the toys back in the toy box, hang their clothes at the end of each day and fold the laundry exactly when it comes out of the dryer. Here are some other organizational tips you'll want known all the time. 7/ 13 but blumenthal / rd.com People with clean homes use their wit when it comes to products that help them stay organized. The organiser has a variety of clear pockets across the door where you can store jewellery and make-up, sorting by type - pencils, lipsticks, brushes and eye shadows, says Paloma Baillie, DIY expert with the 5mile app. You can do a similar thing with office supplies if you don't have room for a desk. Shhhhhh... These are 15 cleaning secrets that only car details know. 8/13 Andrey\_Popov/Shutterstock Isn't every home budget having room for regular professional cleaning service, but those who do tend to keep up with daytime maintenance for one very important reason. It's a good motivator to put things off or move it to the recycling bin when you know tomorrow is cleaning day and your house won't be as clean if the cleaning service has to clean around all your belongings, says Mary Gagliardi, Clorox's cleaning and laundry expert. 9/13 MACKAY PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC/ShutterstockU if you don't live alone, clutter and clutter is a group effort; therefore, cleaning should also be a group effort. Everyone should have weekly chores (dusting, emptying garbage, vacuuming, cleaning, etc.) that not only build responsible adults from children, but also make it easier to keep the home clean - something everyone in the home should care about, Gagliardi says. Teach your family these clever storage hackers to beat the mess. 10 / 13 AlexeySun / ShutterstockAs it is not your thing, it is difficult to imagine putting a fun spin on cleaning. But there are ways to complete the task, while also distracting your mind. Make cleaning enjoyable by listening to your favorite podcast, says Tisha Morris, author of Clutter Intervention: How Your Stuff Is Keeping You Stuck. Get wireless Bluetooth headphones to get freedom of movement throughout the house. You might even get enough steps in on a fitbit to count as exercise. 11/ 13 Africa Studio / ShutterstockWhy you consider storage and organization as part of your décor, like many with clean homes, it makes the project an eye feast. I separate the wardrobe so that all my dresses are together, all my jeans are together, sweaters, tops, coats, skirts, etc. Then I paint with each category, says Rachel Parcell, the style and design expert behind the Pink Peonies. I love the way it looks and it's easy to find things. 12 / 13 Axel Bueckert / Shutterstock If you wake up in a sink full of dirty dishes, you are practically preparing for failure. First of all, you'll first need to wash those dishes and pans, which brings you back to the crucial five to ten minutes, an essential time on a busy morning. What's worse, all that food and fat is going to be cake on and it's going to take a while more time to clean them. Do yourself a favor and fill the dishwasher — and guide it if it's close to full — and wash the pans and pans before going to bed. Find out what professional organizers do every night before going to sleep. 13 / 13 Ian Dikhtiar / ShutterstockDon does not delay cleaning because you do not have supplies. You can clean the windows without leaving the stripes behind with the help of coffee filters, says Larry Patterson franchisee of Glass Doctor in Dallas. Coffee filters and old cotton T-shirts also work well to remove the remaining fabric left behind by dry cloths. Another professional tip? If you have deleted vertically from the outside, be sure to wipe horizontally from the inside. Then you will know if a missed place is inside or outside. Smart! Learn more about other simple home cleaning tricks that will make your jobs easier. Plus: Check out the top 10 cleaning tricks for the interior of your car. Originally published: 16 January 2019

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