

Beyond Clean Healthcare Storage Expert:

## NO COOKIE CUTTER APPROACH PART 3

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In Part 2 of the "No Cookie Cutter Approach" Series, we discussed how to better organize your storage room, leveraging different shelving set ups to optimize space and operational efficiency. In Part 3 we will explore the best way to organize supplies on shelves, leveraging a FIFO method and Kanban Triggers.

## <u>Traditional Two-Bin System</u>

Traditional Two-Bin Systems leverage two rows of plastic bins with supplies in both bins. When the front bin is emptied, it is placed on the top shelf of the shelving unit (Kanban Trigger) and the back bin is pulled forward. While this system is simple and effective it creates wasted space between the bins and each bin requires cleaning due to dust and debris build-up.

## Fine Mesh Basket Shelving

This system allows for more efficient use of the shelving space by creating a two-bin system using Lane and Kanban Dividers, eliminating wasted space that traditional two-bin systems create. By using Kanban Dividers in each "bin", you can create Kanban Triggers to order more supplies – simply pull the Kanban Divider down when the front bin is emptied to create the Kanban Trigger and pull supplies from the back bin forward. In addition, this system requires minimal maintenance because dust/debris fall through the fine mesh basket shelves.

Regardless of which system you choose, you will benefit from FIFO and Lean inventory management to help ensure you have the supplies you need when you need them.

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