

7 Beginner DIY Projects Anyone Can Finish This Weekend

Simple, low-risk projects that make a real difference, even if you've never done DIY before!



DIY Projects



New to DIY?

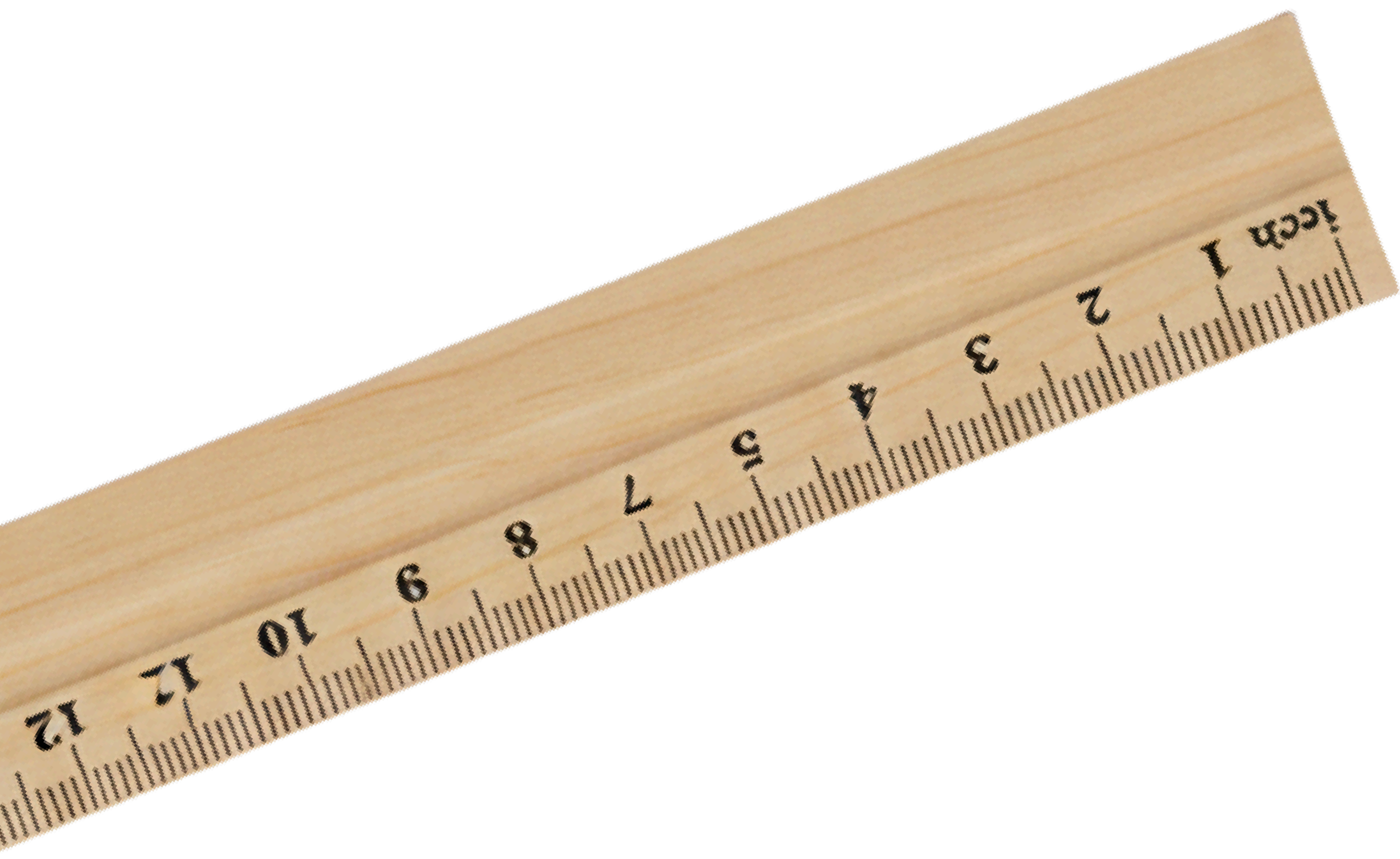
You're in the right place.

This guide is for beginners, or professionals, and not for perfectionists.

Every project inside was chosen because it:

- Uses basic tools
- Takes just a few hours
- Doesn't require prior experience

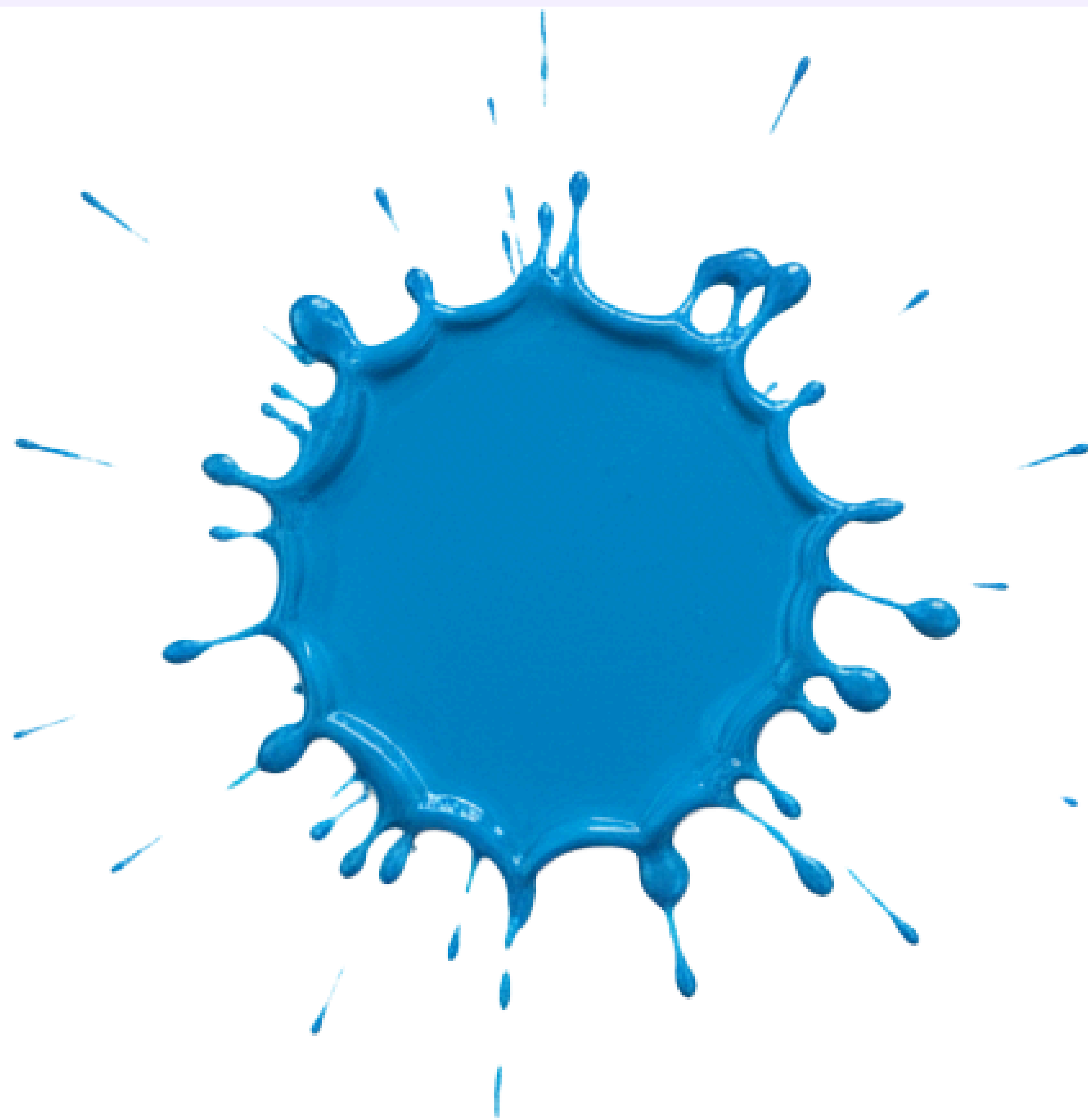
You don't need a workshop or special skills.
You just need to start.



A few things to know before you start

- Pick one project only to begin
- Read the steps once before buying materials
- Go slow. Rushing often causes mistakes
- If it's not perfect, that's normal for beginners.

💡 **Remember:** DIY gets easier after the first project, not before.



Basic tools

(that cover all projects in this guide)



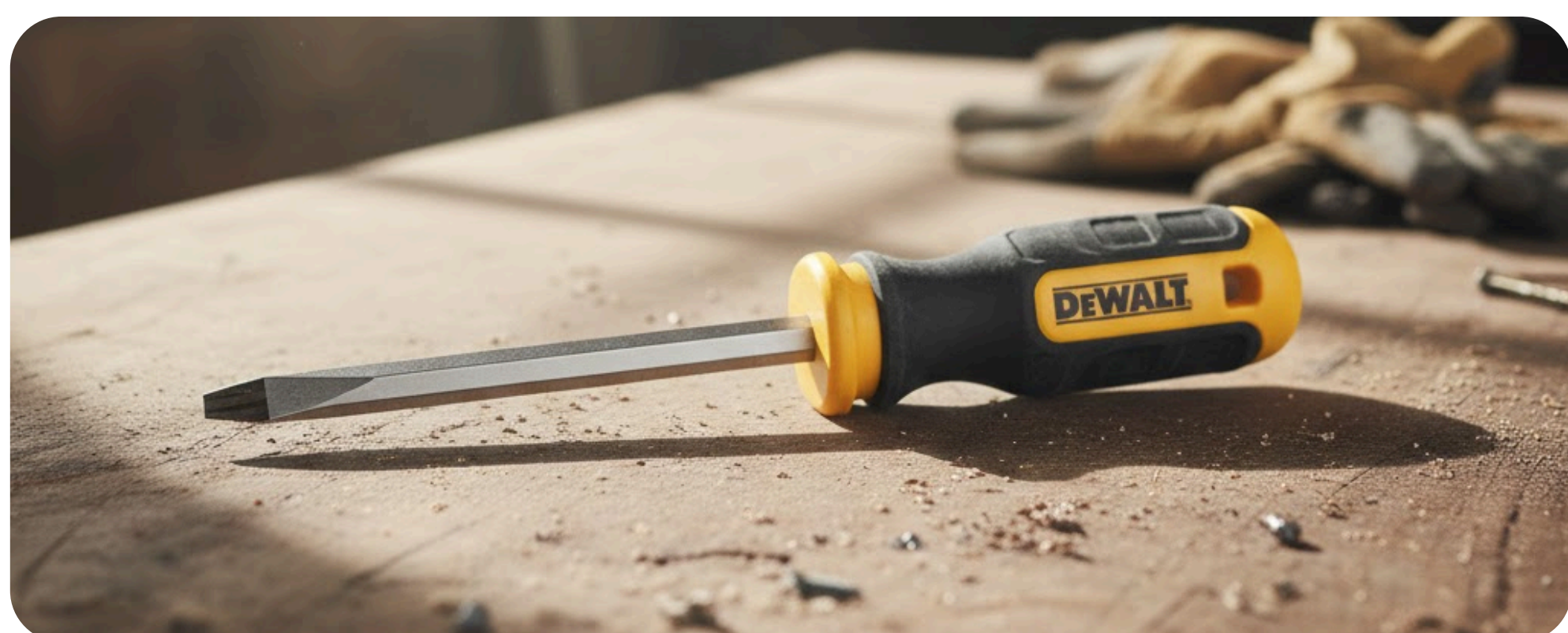
Drill (corded or cordless)



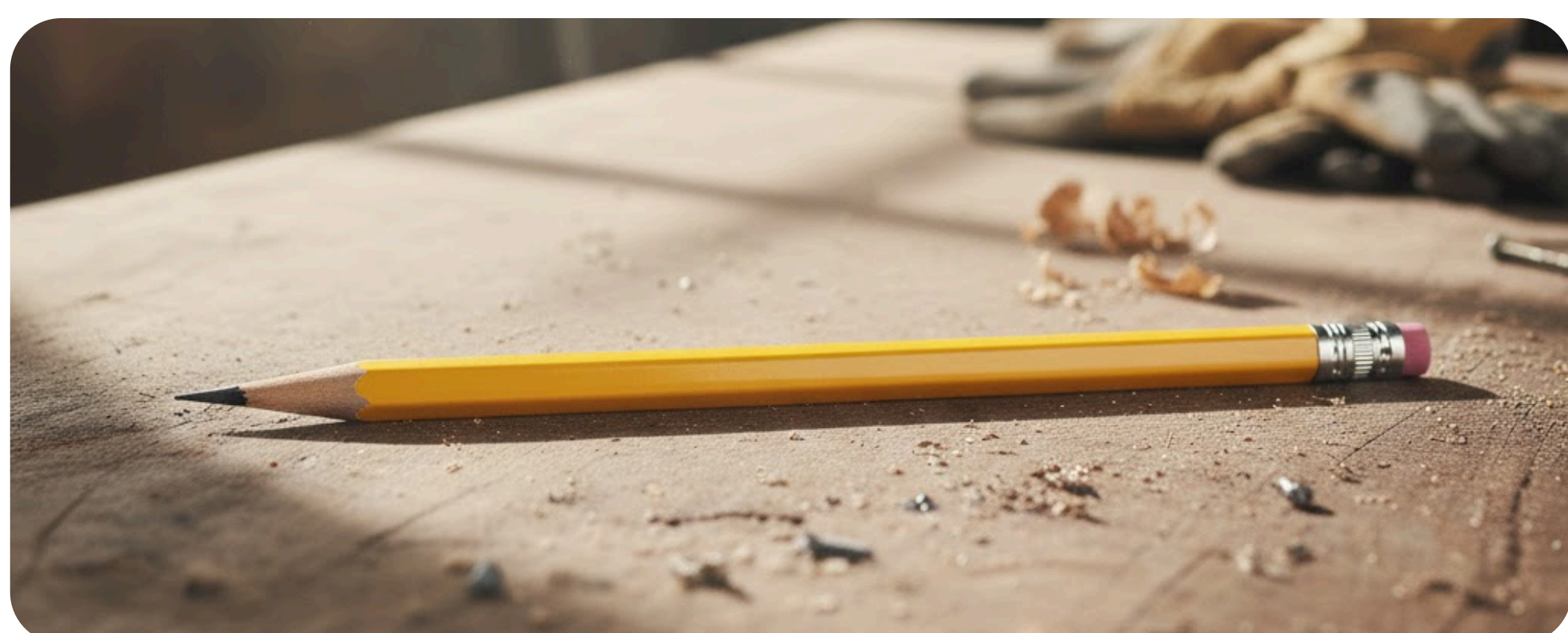
Tape measure



Level



Screwdriver



Pencil

You don't need expensive tools. Borrowing from your neighbors or getting budget brands work just fine.

Time: ⌚ 1–2 hours

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$25–\$50



Install a Floating Shelf

Why this is great for beginners

Big visual impact, very simple steps.

Tools

- Drill
- Level
- Stud finder (or wall anchors)

Materials

- Shelf board
- Shelf brackets
- Screws & anchors

Steps

1. Mark bracket spots using a level
2. Secure brackets into studs or anchors
3. Place shelf on brackets
4. Screw shelf into place

Beginner Tip

Measure twice. Drill once.

Time: ⌚ 1 hour

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$15–\$30



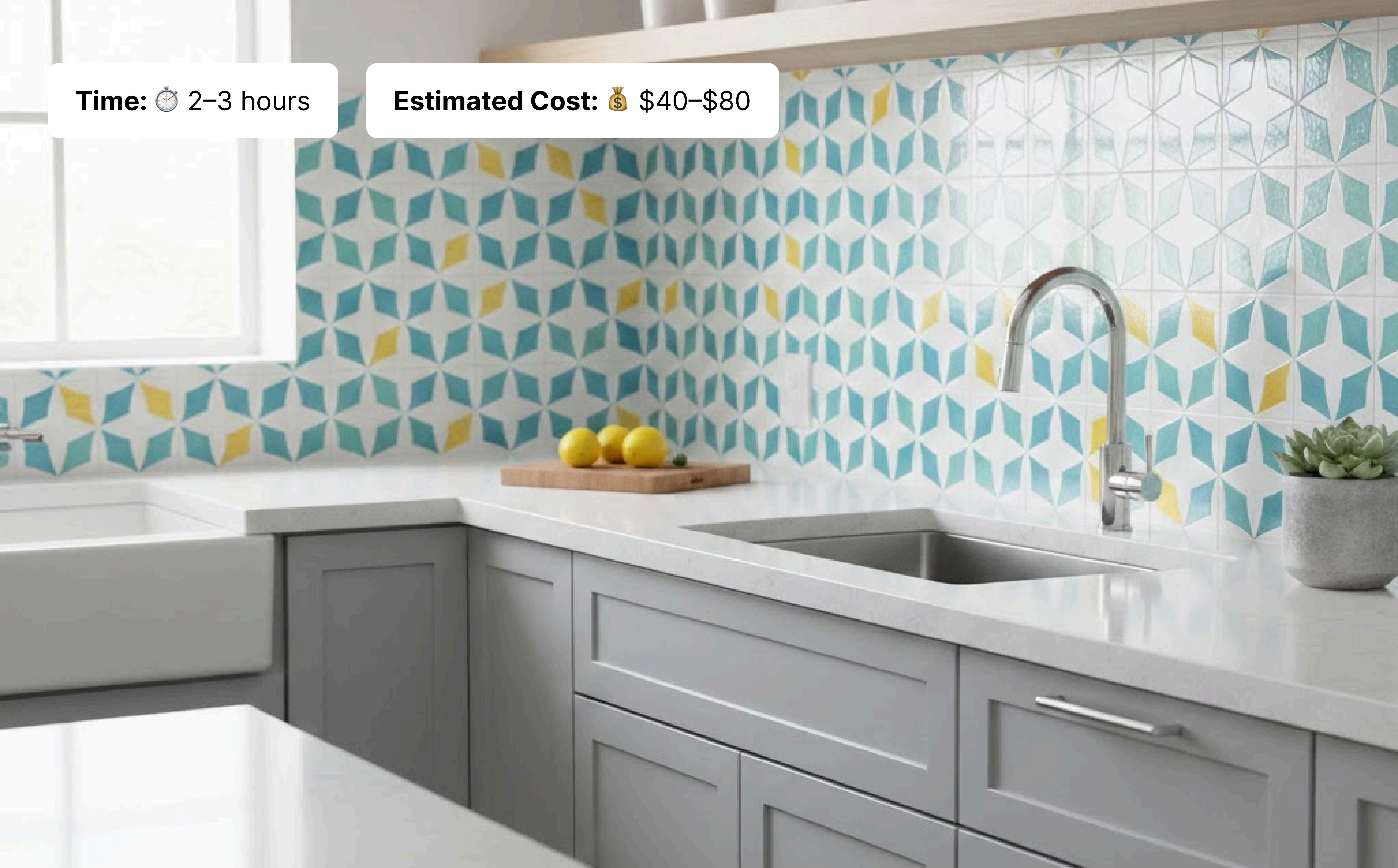
Entryway Key & Mail Organizer

Why this helps

Reduces clutter instantly.

Steps

1. Mount hooks to a board
2. Attach a small shelf (optional)
3. Secure to wall
4. Hang keys and mail

A kitchen backsplash project featuring a geometric pattern of teal and yellow tiles on a white background. The tiles are arranged in a repeating star-like pattern. The backsplash is installed above a white countertop with a stainless steel sink and a modern faucet. Below the countertop are grey cabinets with silver handles. A wooden cutting board with lemons sits on the counter, and a small potted plant is on the right.

Time: ⌚ 2–3 hours

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$40–\$80

Peel-and-Stick Backsplash (Rental-Friendly)

Why beginners love this

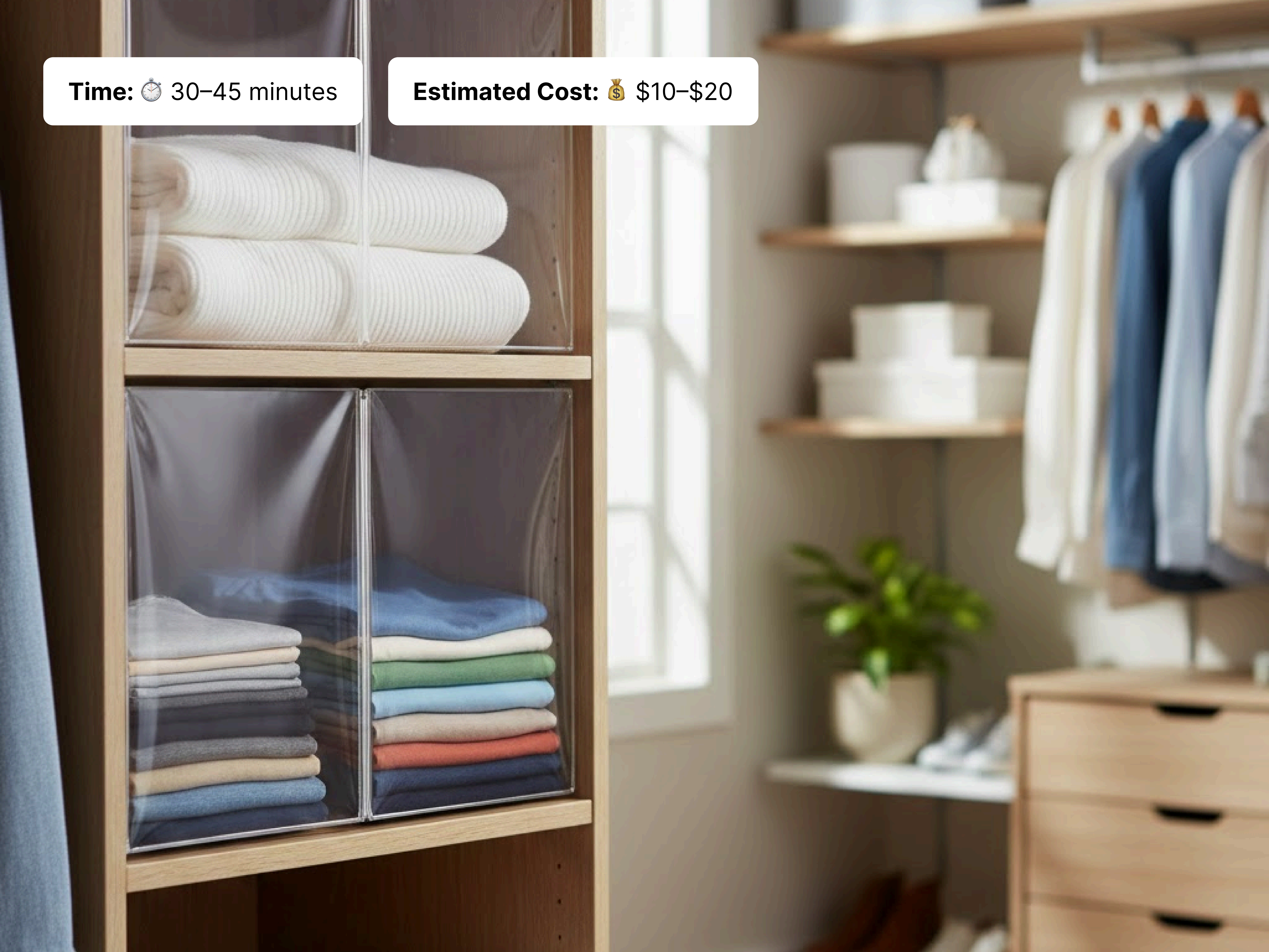
No grout. No mess.
Easy to undo.

Steps

1. Clean surface thoroughly
2. Measure and dry-fit tiles
3. Peel backing and press firmly
4. Trim edges carefully

Tip

Start from the center and work outward.



Time: ⌚ 30–45 minutes

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$10–\$20

Closet Shelf Divider

Why it works

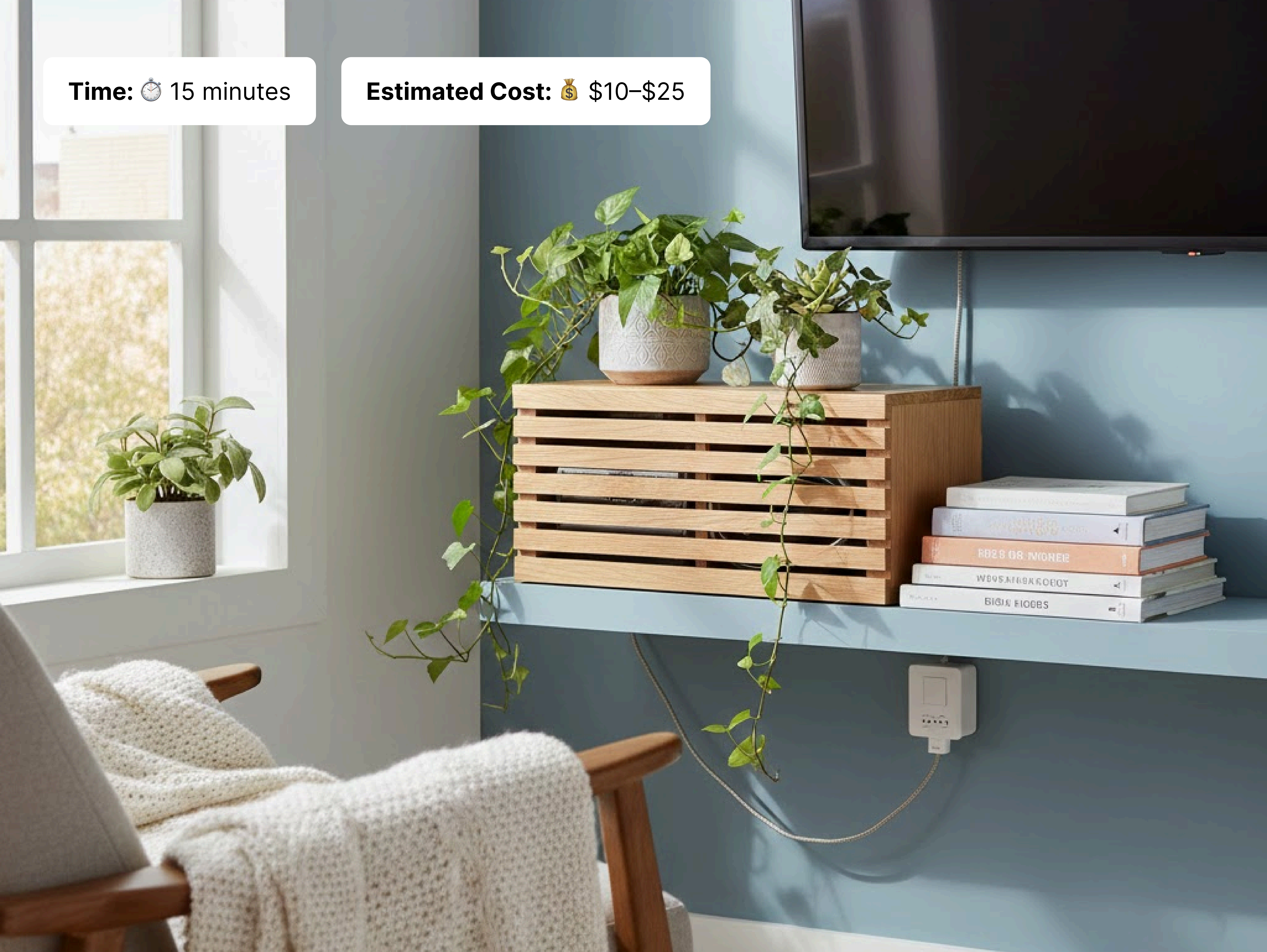
Instantly improves organization.

Steps

1. Measure shelf width
2. Cut divider or buy pre-made
3. Attach using brackets or tension
4. Adjust spacing as needed

Time: ⌚ 15 minutes

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$10–\$25



Hide Messy Cords (Cable Box)

Why beginners love it

Zero tools required.

Steps

1. Unplug cords
2. Place power strip in box
3. Route cables through slots
4. Plug back in

Time: ⌚ 1–2 hours

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$30–\$60



Bathroom Storage Shelf

Why it helps

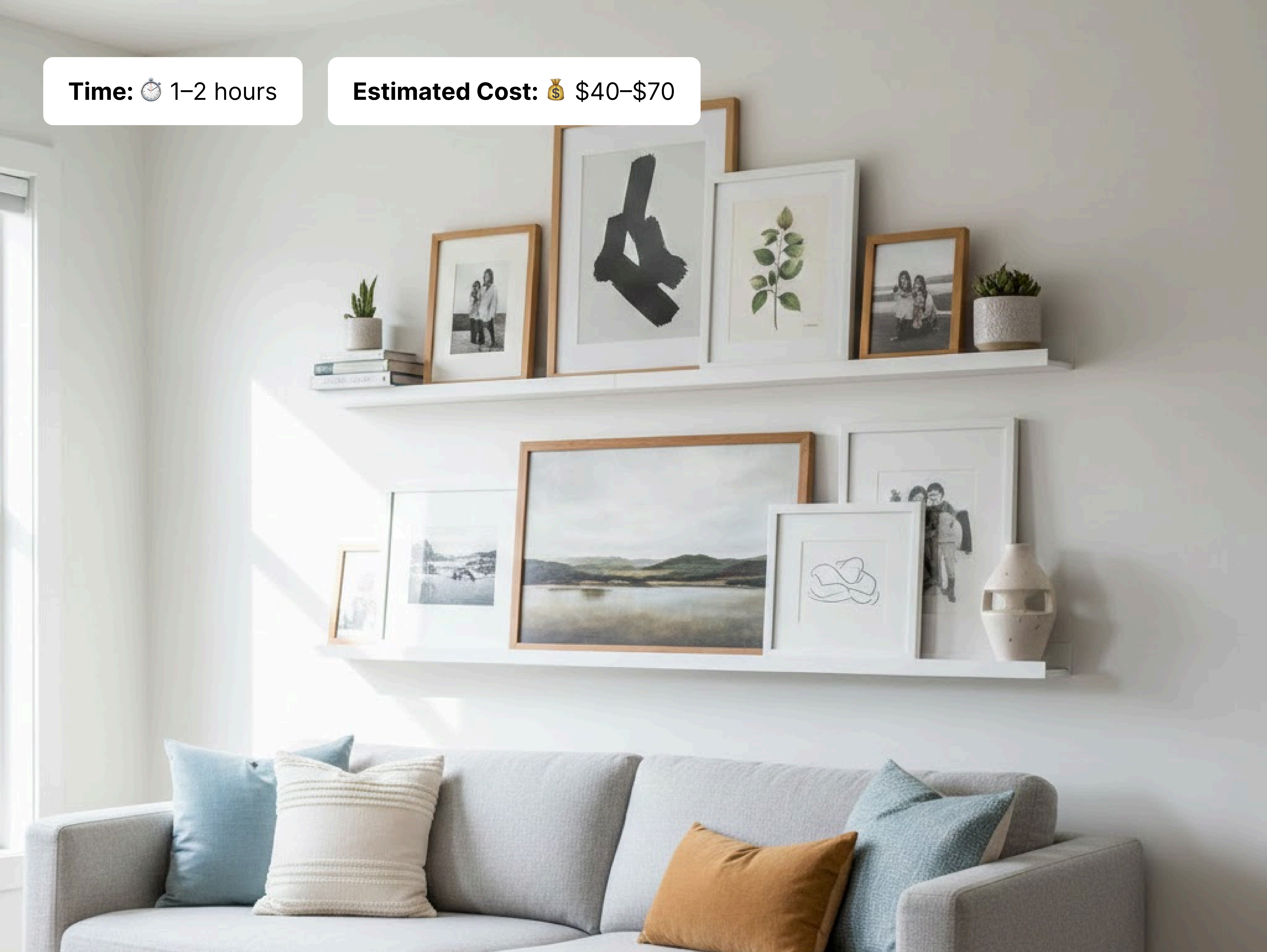
Adds storage without remodeling.

Steps

1. Find wall studs
2. Install shelf brackets
3. Secure shelf
4. Style with baskets or jars

Time: ⌚ 1–2 hours

Estimated Cost: 💰 \$40–\$70



Picture Ledge Wall

Why beginners succeed

Forgiving and adjustable.

Steps

1. Measure wall space
2. Install ledges using level
3. Space evenly
4. Add frames and decor



Avoid these common DIY mistakes

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Save money on DIY

Tips

- Check scrap bins at hardware stores
- Buy unfinished wood
- Use leftover materials
- Measure carefully before buying



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- Smart upgrades
- Step-by-step beginner builds

No pressure. Only ideas you can actually finish