

Roommate Hacks

Hi everyone and welcome back to my #collegeready series that I'm doing with Wells Fargo. We kicked off the series with the first video, which was all about how to make college more affordable. Check that out, I'll have that linked up above on some sort of box. I am very excited to be doing my second video, which as you can tell is going to be all about living with roommates. I am a sophomore at USC, and I lived in a suite with eight girls in my dorm freshman year. I have lived with my sister for my entire life, which was probably the worst roommate situation I've had actually. And then this year I'm living with my roommate Tolleen, who I have my roommate tag up with on this very channel so you can check that out. So I lived with a variety of roommates and I live in a house of ten, so I have housemates as well and a kitchen to manage. Whether you're in an apartment or dorm or house, you need to know how to cooperate with these people. When I was looking before freshman year on how to live with a college roommate I found tons and tons of articles, but these are the five things I wish I knew but didn't. I never heard them and after two years of living with two different roommates, I really highly recommend these things, I promise you. Just like last time, the whole series of #getcollegeready, if you have any reactions or extra tips with roommates you've never heard before either, definitely comment those down below with #getcollegeready, tweet them out, Instagram them, or even make your very own video. I would absolutely love to see some of them so I can learn from you all as well. I will be pruning through those for my personal favorites and I will be sending you out some very very special surprises. So definitely engage with me down below and let's get college ready. Hack #1 is an app, I'm from the Silicon Valley, so I am partial to apps but I think this one is going to be really really helpful for you. It's called Chorma, and I really wish I had this at the beginning of the year. But basically Chorma takes care of what you don't want to do, and what you don't want to do is tell your roommates that they haven't done their chore for the week. Usually you'll have a chore like take out the trash, or change the toilet paper, clean the kitchen counter, but you can divide up those chores within your housemates or dormmates on the app and then schedule when you have to have them done by. The most uncomfortable part is if you have to kind of nag someone to say, "you know what the kitchen hasn't been done," it can really be awkward and there's a lot of tension in that. So the app takes care of all of that for you so you don't have to do the uncomfortable thing and kind of police people on their actions. We're all busy in college, this app knows that and makes sure that all the things are divided up and scheduled out so you can kind of check them off and hold people accountable. I have one more app for my hack #2 and that is an app called Homeslice. This is similar to the Chorma app, but it's absolutely great for just simple errands or items you need to pick up. So if your house is out of dish soap, or maybe your laundry machine is broke and you need to contact the management, you can just put those things on the app and it's a shared reminder list between the house. So it's not like you have to have some sort of rotated schedule, this is kind of for like one-time items you need to get done and you want everyone to see so you can write notes about it and everything. Hack #3 I go a little overboard with. I bought probably twelve rolls of washi tape before my freshman year. It's a decorative tape that doesn't harm the surface it's sticking to. So you can stick it to the wall and it

won't peel the paint off, which is great for dorms. So you can use it for that and hanging stuff up, but the hack for using for roommate would be to decorate all of your iphone charging cables or your hair straightener, anything you have duplicates of. So especially for like a charging cable, wrap that with washi tape because you don't want to get them confused between the two of you. Or maybe you have the same headphones, you can always wrap the washi tape and that would signify you have the teal one I have the pink one and you can keep everything separate and not mix it up. Hack #4, I used to do this every single semester, I still do, I tell my roommate to send me a screenshot of their classes and work, or club schedule. Once they choose out all of their classes, I will have them send that over to me so I know when they're busy, when they're free. We screenshot each other's schedules so you'll know when the other one has to get up early and when you can give them time to sleep in, and that way you won't be obnoxious in that regard at least. My roommate Toleen is always out of the room on Wednesdays at like twelve, which is a really good time for me to film because I don't have class that day, so that way I can remember that and schedule that in. Or maybe you forgot something at home and you want them to get it for you, you can look at the schedule and see if they're in class, on campus, or that they would be home. That way, it just saves you a lot of time and like weird scheduling stuff if you just have that very clearly between the both of you. And my last and fifth hack, which is really just a tip, be plainly honest with the level of cleanliness you want in your room. My closet right now is ridiculous, like you can't even see the floor. Like it's never been like that before in my entire life, but it's a small closet and I have been really really busy in college. And you just get really busy and don't have a lot of time to clean which is the reality of it. But if you really want your side of the room to be clean, let them know. If you want the entire room to be clean, let them know and you might have to take part in that. But usually for the most part, like if it's your own closet, your roommate's probably fine with your closet being messy. But always know exactly what their state of mind is because it is kind of a shared mutual space that you really want to come to because you are comfortable in. And the hack part of this tip is to follow the link description box. I found this a couple of months ago, and it kinda of saved everything I needed to know. When I grew up at my parents' they always took care of the cleaning, I never really had to deal with exactly what the timeline of that looks like, but this tells exactly how many weeks you should be cleaning. So you can put that on the Chorma schedule app. You know, clean the sinks every week and a half, clean the floors every two weeks, change out this every week. Like you can have it all set and it tells you the standard time period because you don't always know how long you can go without cleaning so it will tell you this is the standard. Those are five things I wish I had been told before living with a college roommate, I hope you enjoyed them and let me know if you are going to implement them, and of course comment your own down below with the #getcollegeready. I will see you next time if you're subscribed to this channel, as always thank you for watching and Kather out.