

SHOPPING AROUND | Cord Organizers

Clearing the Clutter Behind the Computer

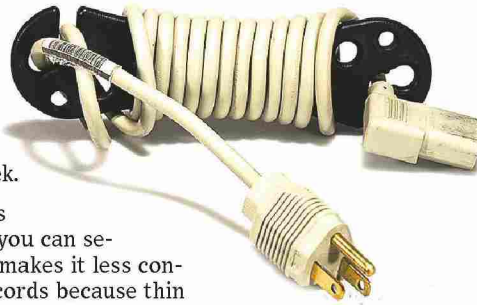
A host of new cable organizers is making it easier to manage the tangle of cords behind your entertainment center or computer. The latest products allow you to wrap up and hide cords that could otherwise be a safety hazard or an eyesore. We found that they were easy to use and small enough for travel. Here's a look at the latest products.

■ **Cordbone Cable Organizer by Harta Instruments**

Price: \$6.99

Availability: cableorganizer.com; cordbone.com; will be available at Micro Center stores next week.

Comment: All you have to do is wrap your cords around the plastic stick that has hooks where you can secure your cords at either end. The black color makes it less conspicuous. We thought it was better for larger cords because thin cords tend to slip out of the hooks.

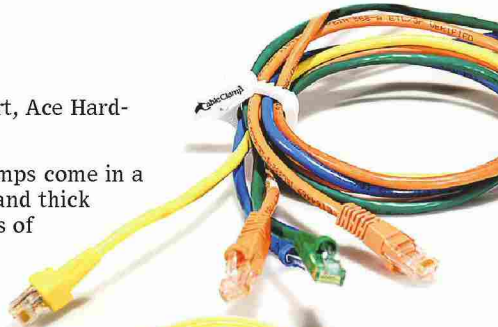


■ **Cable Clamp by QA Worldwide**

Price: \$1.49 to \$2.49 depending on the size.

Availability: National retailers such as Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, True Value and Menards.

Comment: We liked that these lightweight clamps come in a variety of sizes so you can use them on thin and thick cords. It's easy to use: You pull apart the jaws of the clamp and close them around your wires.



■ **Cordpro Mini Cord Organizer by BurkTek**

Price: \$7.50

Availability: Container Store locations as well as cableorganizer.com and cordpro.com.

Comment: You insert the cords into the plastic device and wrap them around the inside piece. We found the device worked best for single, smaller cords.



■ **Style Cord Coverup by A&M Designs Inc.**

Price: \$39.99

Availability: See cordcoverup.com for retailers.

Comment: It's easy to use: You just wrap the coverup around your cords, scrunch the material, and secure it with the Velcro lining. While it's made for chandeliers, the manufacturer says it can also be used to wrap up other cords. But we thought the larger size and the shimmery gold color of the one we tried called to much attention to the cords.



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