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Problem: running out of freezer space

- Problem Details:
  - Freezer is kinda small, can run out of space easily
  - related issue: cuz it's so small, if I want to e.g. freeze some stuff loosely on trays to harden it before packing for longer term storage (e.g. cookies), sometimes it's hard to find space to put the trays in cuz the entire freezer is full
  - I buy smaller sizes of things than I might otherwise to account for freezer space limitation
  - would likely do more meal prep if i had more space to store stuff
  - this issue doesn't really happen with fridge. fridge is bigger, and stuff lasts longer in the freezer, so that is probably why
- Possible solutions
  - better organization
    - have tried, organization helps, but there is a physical size limit issue i am running into
  - extra freezer
    - criticisms
      - takes up space
        - yes but i have the space
          - may interfere with other uses of space i was considering for future (like a wire rack to organize some kitchen stuff)
            - ya maybe but the freezer problem seems more urgent than having more optimal organization of some kitchen stuff
        - pretty generic criticism
      - costs money
        - yes and it seems to be an item whose price has been bid up due to covid. this is perhaps a reason to wait for a sale, not a reason not to buyone
        - pretty generic criticism
    - varieties
      - chest freezer
        - arguments in favor
          - cheaper
      - vertical freezer
        - arguments in favor
          - could put something on top of it
          - could be easier to access stuff
  - maybe, as a single person, should not worry so much about having lotsa food on hand, do more just-in-time-delivery, order out more etc
    - well, i find ordering actual prepared meals kind of a bad value, and i seem to like cooking, and it's also the covid era anyways so it seems prudent to have lotsa food on hand, so I'm not convinced by this argument
- Tentative/solution conclusion
  - consider buying a chest freezer if you can find a good price on one
    - set up a slickdeals alert for freezers