

Organizing Closets

Is your closet constantly a mess? Is it always disorganized? If you answer yes and want to try to organize your closet, you will first need to take a step back & try to figure out what is causing your problems.

Most of us either do not have enough storage or we simply have too much stuff! If you do not have enough storage, here are some ways The Closet Guy can help you:

1. We can DOUBLE yours space by repositioning your standard hanging rods. If you currently have 1 bar straight across, we can reposition the bars so that you have double hanging space. Hang pants on top and shirts on the bottom.
2. If you have long hanging items, we can lower the rod so that the longest hanging item falls 1 inch above the floor (add a rug under this area so clothes stay dust free). We can add shelves “above” the hanging rod for shoes, accessories or folded items. Now these items are at eye level and not hidden on the floor.
3. We can reposition your closet rods from front to back. Most traditional closets (especially in older homes) have 1 rod that goes from side to side. If we reposition the rods, then you can access your clothes easier and gain more storage space.
4. If your closets have more space than you need between the shelves, we could move the shelves closer together. This will help keep your closet neater because you won't have one big stack of sweaters or shirts, you will have fewer items on each shelf.
5. Use your doors or walls for storage! We can attach hooks on the backs of closet doors, belt or scarf rods, tie racks and purse hooks.

Maybe you have too much stuff? If so, here are a few tips:

1. Move off season clothing to attic, basement or under the bed (using labeled storage containers)
2. Make sure current items in the closet fit you. If you can't part with the clothes that don't fit, purchase enough tubs to store these clothes. Label the tubs by size and season. Place in attic, basement, under the bed or off-site. Each season, go through these tubs and re-evaluate what you should keep.
3. If you have several formal outfits/suits or other items you rarely wear taking up valuable space, consider moving them to another closet if space is an issue.

4. Focus on all the clothes you love & wear often. Consider getting rid of the \$200 suit you never wear. You paid good money for it, but now it is taking up valuable space. Donate it to charity or sell it on consignment. If you can't part with those items, you should "box" them up and schedule an appointment in three months to see if you have changed your mind.

These are just a few tips on how you can organize your closet. If you can't deal with the purging and organizing process yourself then please schedule an appointment with Amy Peterson of The Closet Guy, Inc. Call 544-4432 or amy@theclosetguyinc.com.