



## CLOSET EFFICIENCY

If you can't find an article of clothing you want, or get easily dressed in the morning, your closet isn't working for you—it's working against you.

Effective organization is key to reducing stress and simplifying your daily routine.

A few of the challenges for women's wardrobes are volume, a lack of accessibility, and a lack of clarity about what pieces to wear together. If a closet isn't arranged in a way where pieces are easily accessible and retrievable, or too many items are hung or folded, navigating it will be difficult.

Here's how to organize your space:

### • **ASK YOURSELF HOW YOU PULL TOGETHER AN OUTFIT**

Do you choose your top first or your bottom first? If you pick your top first, the tops will be front and centre and very visible in the closet. If you pick bottoms, the pants and skirts will be front and centre on the top double-hung rod, with tops hanging underneath. It is easier to find what you are looking for if all your hangers are the same style and all your clothes are facing the same direction and

### • **PUT ALL YOUR SHOES ON DISPLAY**

Shoe shelves are very helpful. Install as many as you need to keep your entire collection on display, in sections for each season, and then grouped by color. Put one shoe from a pair toe forward, and its partner heel forward, so you can quickly see the heel height and details on the front of the shoe. That way you can quickly tell different black shoes apart.

### • **DISPLAY YOUR ACCESSORIES**

Keep your finishing touches visible and accessible so you don't forget about them. Consider **sliding baskets**, as well as custom hangers like **tie-and-belt organizers**, which can also hold scarves and necklaces. Or, hang the accessories next to their matching clothes, such as a pair of trousers with their "perfect" belt.

### • **GROUP BY SIZE AND COLOR**

Women often have multiple sizes of clothes in their closets. Group the same size pieces together, and then color coordinate the entire closet.

These tips will make your closet easier to manage, and take some of the guesswork out of the morning routine! It's all about the way your closet functions.

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