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How to Organize the Main Closet

How to edit your closet around how you want to look and feel now.

WHERE TO START

Before you sort anything, decide how you want to look and feel in what you wear.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ☐ Boxes labeled Toss, Donate, Keep and Repairs
- ☐ Vacuum and cloth
- ☐ Matching hangers
- ☐ Bins for off-season clothes

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Put the time on your calendar like any other appointment. One room per session is plenty.

The method

1. **Set up four boxes**
   Label them Toss, Donate, Keep and Relocate. Every item goes into one of them, so nothing ends up in a new pile.
2. **Empty it completely**
   Take everything out and set it on a cleared table or counter. You can't organize around things you haven't seen.
3. **Clean before anything goes back**
   Wipe the shelves, drawers and surfaces and sweep the floor while the space is empty.
4. **Group like with like**
   Sort what you're keeping into families. Seeing all of one kind together shows you how much you really have.
5. **Give every family a home**
   What you use most goes closest to hand. Add containers and labels only once you know what stays.
6. **Close the session**
   Take out the trash, put the donations in your car and return every Relocate item to its room before you stop.

In this room

Set a vision

Keep only what matches how you want to look and feel today.

Let go of the rest

Stained, torn, missing a button or too small: donate, repair or toss.

Group it

By type, then hanging or folded, casual or formal, warm or cold weather.

KEEP IT THAT WAY

Pick one day a week to put things back and keep it clean and organized.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER

If your closet is small, fold off-season clothes into bins and give this season the room.

YOUR CHECKLIST IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

More tips and photos in the full post: read it here

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The Main Closet Checklist

STARTED _____ DONE _____

- [ ] Set up bins, bags or boxes labeled Toss, Donate, Keep and Repairs.
- [ ] Empty all your drawers, shelves and hanging items.
- [ ] Vacuum and wipe the closet, drawers and shelves.
- [ ] Set a vision of how you want to look and feel when you wear the things you own.
- [ ] Sort by looking at each item and deciding what to keep. You only want to keep what matches your vision.
- [ ] Discard, donate or repair anything that is stained, torn, missing a button or too small.
- [ ] Group like items together:
  - [ ] T-shirts: tanks, short sleeves, long sleeves
  - [ ] Shorts, pants, skirts and dresses
  - [ ] Then hanging or folded, casual or formal, warm or cold weather
  - [ ] Sweaters and cardigans, thinner and thicker
  - [ ] Blazers, jackets and coats
- [ ] If you have a small closet, take out the off-season clothing, fold it and store it in bins or bags.
- [ ] Choose a day of the week to review the space and keep it clean and organized.

NOTES

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