STRATEGIES FOR STORAGE & EXTRAS

FROM THE CLOSET CLARITY COMPENDIUM COLLECTION

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Welcome



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Hello Friend,

I am an Organizing Expert and Educator and the owner of Simplify You. I have been organizing homes in the Washington DC area since 2003. In 2008, I earned the coveted distinction of CPO: Certified Professional Organizer. There are fewer than 350 CPOs worldwide!

What's more, I have a Bachelor's in Fine Arts degree in Costume Design and designed for the Joffery Ballet and the Juilliard School. I was also a Wardrobe Mistress for "Driving Miss Daisy" and sold clothing at the Chanel Boutique in Manhattan as well as managed a boutique clothing store in the UK All to say I know a bit about clothing and want to teach you too!

Please enjoy this BONUS for the Comprehensive Closet Clarity Compendium!

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STORAGE



In an IDEAL world your current closet will hold ALL of your clothing except for the "Seldom Used" items stored elsewhere as in STEP TWO of the Closet Clarity Compendium.
But when that's not possible, here are some ideas for:

SHORT-TERM STORAGE

HANGING: Ideally, keep all your clothing ON their hangers and just switch seasonal items from a storage rail in a spare or guest room to your current closet.

FOLDED or ROLLED Items: These can be stored in flexible totes.

LONG-TERM STORAGE

HANGING: If garments must be stored in an attic or basement, protect your hanging off-season clothes with a garment bag.

FOLDED or ROLLED items and FOOTWEAR: Use sturdy lidded plastic boxes that can stack. Bonus points if you put a linen bag in each storage container with plain white chalk to help absorb moisture, or use silica packets to absorb moisture.

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CLERTY CLOTHES
(NO, that is not a typo!)

I find in many homes there are clothes draped over chairs and exercise equipment, stuffed into shelves, hanging on doorknobs, or creating a "floordrobe" (your wardrobe on the floor)

WHAT are these clothes "living in limbo"? These are clothes that have been worn once or twice and you feel have another wear in them before they get cleaned. You don't want to put them back into your drawers or closet but they are not ready for the hamper yet either.

They are not CLEAN and they are not DIRTY,
these clothes are "CLERTY"!

They need a special space in your closet! I suggest a simple over-the-door hanging rail or perhaps, install a simple peg rack on your closet wall to air these clothes out and keep them separate until they are ready for the laundry hamper!







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EXTRAS

TRASH BIN

In any walk-in closet, I think it is wise to have a small bin for pocket trash, dry cleaning tags, receipts and other things that you want to toss.

HAMPER

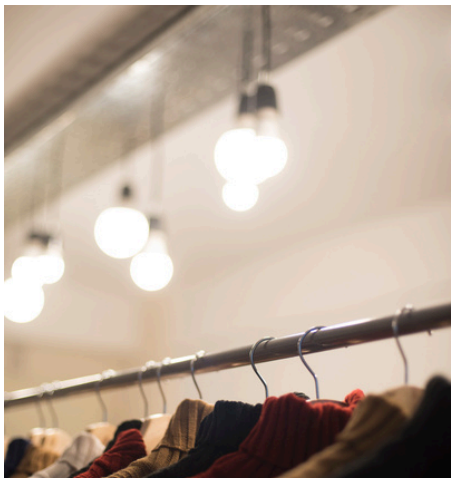
IF there is room, it is great to have a hamper in your closet and not in your bedroom. This lightweight-handled hamper is easy to take to the laundry room. A big bonus is that it only takes up one square foot, it has no lid and can air clothes out a bit.

LIGHT

Put brighter lightbulbs in any lighting fixture. More light in your closet will enable you to SEE your clothes and match colors better. If it's really dim then perhaps install battery-operated LED lights in your reach-in closet?

WINDOWS

Beware of UV light coming through that will slowly fade your clothing! Always pull opaque shades or curtains when not using the room. Or cover the window entirely to create more storage space.





FINALLY, A NOTE ON SPACE BAGS

It may seem like a good idea to use space bags to compress clothes for storage by vacuum sealing, but it really is NOT! They can damage the integrity of the clothes and create permanent wrinkles! Read this.

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