

Home Organization Checklist:

CLOSETS

- ❑ Remove everything from the closet. Sort it by things you'll keep, things you'll donate, things you'll sell, things you'll recycle, and things you'll throw away.
- ❑ It's entirely possible to just buy a built-in closet organizer or closet system that comes pre-built with a combination of hanging closet rods, hanging space, shelving, shoe racks, and other storage space. It's even possible to have a custom closet system built for anything from a small closet to a walk in closet. Amazon often has great deals on these kinds of systems. If you don't have the budget for that, though, don't worry – there are still plenty of closet organization ideas that can help you.
- ❑ If you don't want to shell out for a Closet-maid system, get creative with your closet system. In addition to shelves and rods, try using things like file dividers to store bags and clutches, shower rings to hang scarves or purses, clothespins, magnets, and more. Modular storage solutions are great for an organized closet. Customize and DIY your storage solutions to fit what you need for the things you have.
- ❑ As you organize your closet, make sure you have easy access to items you use most often. High shelves and deep drawers are for items you don't need as often.
- ❑ Use different types of hangers for hanging clothes and to maximize space. Pants hangers take advantage of vertical space, and can be used for any kind of garment. Hangers that hold multiple items can also be a good use of extra space.
- ❑ Easily create non-slip hangers by wrapping pipe cleaners around plastic hangers. No more tank tops or silky garments falling onto the floor.
- ❑ Use hanging organizers if that makes more sense for your needs than having shelving units.
- ❑ Pegboards are great organization tools anywhere in your home, but they're especially useful in the closet. Take advantage of wall space and arrange the pegs to create jewelry organizers or storage for any kind of accessory. Pegboards can even be built near the floor for shoe storage.
- ❑ Stacking items on shelving is a good way to use vertical space in your closet – until the stacks start falling over. Use vertical shelf dividers to make space to stack things like pants and sweaters. Or use stackable acrylic drawers to organize small items in your closet.
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