

Changing Seasons: Closet Organization

Problem:

Seasons are changing and you just went shopping. How do you fit new purchases in the closet?

It's turning warmer and our closets are full of things that we didn't wear through the winter, but how can you tell what to get rid of so you can fit some of the new fashions into your closet?

Fix:

- 1) If it doesn't fit, make you feel fabulous, or is unable to be repaired – it needs to go.

Take it all out and put back what you wear regularly. Try on what you don't wear – make a decision. Use the hangar trick at the change of the season.

- 2) Group like items with like items.

Don't over-think the groups. It's what works for you. By type: pants, blouses/shirts, suits; By use: Work, casual, formal; By color/tone: Red-Purple or light and dark.

- 3) Make sure that you have all of the same type of hangars in your closet.

Use plastic, wooden or padded hangars. Wire hangars do not support the clothes well. Hang things in the same direction.

- 4) Off-season storage: Make sure it's clean and dry before you store it. The scent of the body is what attracts insects.

Prevent mildew by making sure items are completely clean and dry before storing. You can either move it all to one end of your closet (if space allows) put it all in another closet, or store clothes in a chest or under the bed container. For prevention, place a bag of cedar chips in the box/bag too to prevent moth damage. Anything that is being stored in a basement or attic needs to be in an airtight container to prevent rodent/pest action.

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