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# Closets

Closet Organizing Checklist

# MADE Simple

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THESE ITEMS ARE NOT MANDATORY AND WHAT YOU NEED EXACTLY WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CLOSET SPACE AND SHAPE. NO TWO CLOSETS ARE ALIKE. FIND A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR YOU. I AM MERELY MAKING SUGGESTIONS TO TRY AND MAKE THE PROCESS SIMPLER FOR YOU.

## You Will Need

### MATCHING HANGERS

- Dress/Shirt Hangers
- Velvet Hangers are also popular
- Pant/Skirt Hangers
- Step Ladder

### STORAGE

- Under Bed Storage
- Bins (for sweaters, jeans, etc.)

### JEWELRY STANDS

- Necklace Stand
- Ring Stand
- Bracelet Stand
- Expandable Jewelry Organizer
- Earring Stand

### HANDBAGS

- Shelf Dividers
- Bins

### DRAWERS

- Linen Drawer Organizers
- Adjustable Drawer Dividers

### ACCESSORIES

- Scarf Hanger
- Belt Hanger
- Scarf Bin (if you can't hang, fold)





## tips & tricks

I KNOW THIS IS AN OVERWHELMING PROJECT, BUT I PROMISE YOU THAT ONCE YOU ARE FINISHED YOU WILL WALK INTO YOUR BOUTIQUE-LIKE CLOSET, FEELING CALM AND HAPPY. YOU WILL ALSO ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR THINGS ARE, SAVING YOU PRECIOUS TIME EVERY SINGLE DAY! OKAY, ARE YOU READY...? LET'S DIVE INTO THE BUSBEE METHOD OF CLOSET ORGANIZING!

### Buy Matching Hangers

I prefer the clear hangers with swivel tops so the garment can be hung facing the same direction no matter how you put it on the hanger. Some people also prefer the velvet hangers because they are non-slip. But the key is that they all match so you have a uniform, sleek look in your closet. Don't forget that you'll need to buy matching skirt/pant hangers. I suggest buying 100 hangers for every 3 feet of hanging space. I know this can get pricey, but I think it's a VERY worthwhile investment that will transform your closet.

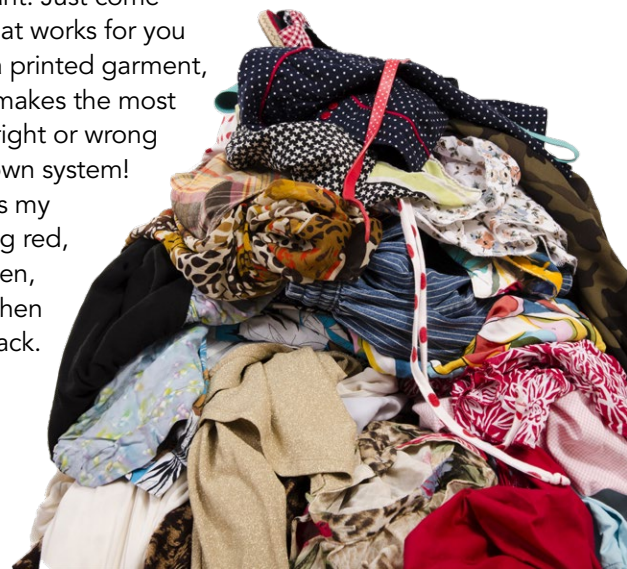
### Sort By Type

You can sort by whatever categories you want. The point here is to make it easier and faster for you to find what you're looking for. Keep blazers together, tops, skirts...you get the point! I sort my tops by sleeveless, short sleeved, and long sleeved. Your system does not have to be that detailed. Assess your closet space, preferences, and lifestyle. If you don't have a huge closet, think about storing off-season clothing elsewhere and/ or folding certain clothing types.

I store coats in a different closet. All of my off-season items are in our attic. I fold and store t-shirts, sweaters, jeans, and activewear. I try to think of folding anything that I would reach for anyway. In other words, I don't need to see it. I always reach for jeans so I don't need to see those hanging. Plus, they don't wrinkle. Be strategic with that prime hanging real estate.

### Sort By Color

You can sort from dark to light or light to dark or whatever you want! Just come up with a system that works for you aesthetically. If it's a printed garment, just put it where it makes the most sense. There is no right or wrong here! Create your own system! I use the rainbow as my guide and sort using red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet... and then brown, gray and black.





## Handbags

The way you sort accessories will differ depending on your closet space. I use linen storage bins for my handbags. You can also use shelf dividers if you have the shelf space. Shelves are ideal because then you can easily see all of your bags. Use handbag shapers or tissue paper to keep the bag from being squished. For investment bags, consider dust covers.

## Boots & Shoes

For tall boots, use a shoe tree or insert pool noodles to keep them shaped and upright. Ideally, you have shelves for your boots and shoes, but for those of us with smaller closets, I suggest shoe bins or shoe racks. You might consider storing larger boots in another closet to save space. If you are putting them on shelves, alternate directions with your shoes to maximize space. I also like to organize my shoes by color.

## Drawers

Use drawer organizers and drawer dividers to keep everything organized. You may also consider organizing by type and color. I organize my jeans by color and leg style (cropped, skinny, flare, etc.). Tip: Save shoe box lids to use as drawer organizers if you don't have room in the budget for new organizers.

## Jewelry

Jewelry organization is completely dependent on the space you have. If you can display your jewelry... go for it! That way you can see what you have and it feels like you are styling your very own shoot daily. Most of us, however, do not have that space. I use an expandable jewelry organizer that I place in my nightstand drawers. It is lovely. Tip: Use straws to keep your daintier necklaces from tangling. If they do get tangled, baby powder is helpful in getting knots out!



## Scarves & Belts

Again, this organization will depend on the space you have. You can buy scarf and belt hangers that hang up in your closet like normal hangers. I prefer a small belt rack on the wall, separate from your clothing so they are easy to access and see. You can also roll your belts and put them in a bin or drawer.

## Store Off-Season Clothing

Ideally, you'd store your off-season clothing in a different closet. But since we don't all have that luxury, think about other places and ways you can store it. For example, you might be able to store some of it in bins under your bed or stacked at the top of your closet shelves. If you live somewhere that has a similar climate year-round, think about storing pieces you don't wear regularly to create more space.