

How to Organize Your Wardrobe

If you hate it when you can't find anything in your wardrobe, follow these steps to make it clean and organized. Have fun! Don't obsess!

Steps

1. Make sure you have at least 2 or more hours to devote to cleaning. It's a lengthy process, but it is rewarding!
2. Empty out your closet and dresser drawers completely. Lie items down on the bed or some flat surface for easier sorting.
3. Label three boxes with a permanent marker: "Charity", "Throw Away" and "Sew/Repair".
4. Toss into the "Throw Away" box anything that is severely stained or otherwise ruined beyond repair.
5. Ask yourself: Will I ever wear this? Does it even fit me? Have I worn it in the past year?
6. If the answer to the questions above are *no*, place the items that either don't fit or you never wear into the "Charity" box.
7. Place any items into the "Sew/Repair" box only if you actually intend on getting them repaired in a reasonable amount of time. Otherwise, toss them into the "Throw Away" box.
8. Seal the "Charity" box with duct tape. This ensures that you are not tempted to re-open it and change your mind. Be sure and promptly take the "Charity" box to the local charity or call the charity for pickup (if available). You don't want a box full of clothes that someone else could use just cluttering up your house!
9. Create outfits from whatever clothes that remain. Be sure to include any accessories you'll use. [This will be easier when you have fewer clothes and can see what you have to work with.]
10. Make a note of any pieces that are missing (for example, a blouse to go with a blazer and slacks) in a notebook. Save this list for when you have time to go clothes shopping. You could even snip a very small swatch of the fabric from a hidden hem and attach it in the notebook to make matching items easier.
11. Hang up, fold and put away whatever items remain.

Tips

- If you are a shoe fanatic, put them on a rack so they take up less space.
- If you have some unwanted junk at the bottom of your wardrobe like cheap plastic clothes hangers, give some of them away. You can always get more when you buy new clothes.
- If you want to be really organized and make things easier, you could sort your clothes by color- go from black to a very light colour like pale pink or white.
- Organizing your wardrobe will take about 1 or 2 hours. Remember to take regular breaks, but stay focused on the task.
- You can make it fun by putting in posters, or you could build something for the wardrobe like a small shelf for perfumes or your best makeup. But whatever you do, be proud of it!

Things You'll Need

- Permanent Marker
- Boxes
- Duct tape
- Notebook
- Pen/pencil
- Motivation