

MUST HAVE

The BASICS you will need

All items need to fit you perfectly RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW (not in 3 months when you lose weight) and be fresh and current.

Bottoms: well-fitting pencil skirt, cropped narrow trousers, long pants, jeans that fit. Save or invest in 4-5 pieces in BLACK, 1-3 in CHINO/ KHAKI, 1-3 in DARK DENIM, 1-2 in WHITE

Shirts/ Tops: 4-6 in WHITE 1-3 in neutrals (ECRU, TAUPE, BLUSH, BLACK)

Jackets: a BLACK Blazer that fits like a dream a DARK or MED DARK DENIM jean jacket

Sweaters: not on hangers. Lightweight cardigans in neutrals: BLACK, GREY, ECRU, WHITE. Do not store these in drawers. Find a place in the closet to stack these so they are ready to use.

Once you have all the basics in place, you can add some color like a FUCHSIA or TURQUOISE or EMERALD or CORAL or PURPLE or COBALT BLUE in a sweater, linen jacket, pencil or pleated skirt, skinny jean. Only add the extras once the basics have been covered.

Imagine opening your closet and seeing everything on hangers, color coordinated, neatly organized by category and ready to grab and go.

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Accessories

Scarves: the easiest and cheapest way to add color. Wear looped at the neck or long and knotted down the front, loosely flowing over your shoulders or worn as a shawl.

A **narrow belt** (1/2" – 3/4") in black leather, black patent, 1-2 colors plus a leopard or zebra print.

A structured **bag** in a hot color. (No slouchy hobos or backpacks or anything w/ flowers)

Pointy-toed flats or mid-heels in black leather, black patent and a hot color or 2.

Jewelry: See your Premier Designs Jeweler for the most current trends of **each** season. If you purchase just ONE PIECE, make it a necklace with a story to tell! Find out how at a Premier Designs Home Fashion and Style Show.



Your Favorite Jewelry Lady:

A Closet Makeover Recipe



Make your closet work for YOU!

When you are faced with a closet full of 'nothing to wear', the temptation is to go out and find something NEWNEWNEW! This is BADBADBAD. With a little time and determined effort, you can turn that closet into an efficient wardrobe by totally organizing what you have and eliminating all the fluff. (Need help and/or advice? Team up and make it a 2-fer! Grab a girlfriend and encourage each other during the process.)

Where to Start?



Make 4 Piles

Goodwill, Consignment, Keep, and Toss.

Floor Clutter

What is taking up your floor space? You should have a clear spot to stand in. Remove everything on the floor and under the hanging clothes by taking it OUT of the closet. Dirty clothing, clothing with holes or missing buttons, things that don't fit, workout wear, a jumble of shoes? It all needs to be sorted. Start by vacuuming completely, dust the floorboards and wipe down the part of the wall you can see. SHOES stay clean if stored in clear plastic boxes. Label them clearly. Winter shoes and boots, once done for the season, can be stored above on shelves or in your 'winter' storage closet. Shoes, boots, sneakers and slippers can only be kept if CURRENT, clean, polished and useable, not rundown or worn out. If they haven't been worn in over a year, put them in the appropriate pile. BAGS and TOTES apply same principle as for shoes. BELTS the same. If they don't fit, donate. If they are worn or cracked, toss.

Upper Shelf Clutter

How much do you want to bet there are things up there that even YOU don't know about? Take it all out! Be ruthless and add to those piles. If there are shoes up there, sort, box and label. If clothing, throw on hangers and stuff onto hanging rod. If misc., deal with it and put it where it belongs, otherwise Goodwill or Consignment it.

*** TIP

Pay attention to your body type. If you are short in height, keep your clothing patterns and accessories small. Big patterns and accessories will only make you appear smaller. If you are tall, wear larger patterns and accessories. Small will only make you look bigger.

Clothing on Hangers

Adopt these rules and obey: Take it out of the closet. Try it on. If you haven't worn it for over a year and still love it, get it out of this closet and put it in a non-working closet. If the item is worn or damaged or if the piece does not fit NOW, it needs to GO! Be ruthless. Have your team partner help with this. Your goal is to have a working wardrobe, not bits and pieces that make no story or sense. Keep adding to those 4 piles. Only return pieces to the closet if they are CURRENT and fit and are clean and ready to wear.



Start Organizing

Once the garments have been assessed, organize them by category.

TOPS:

Sleeveless tops in this order: white, black, color.

Tees same.

Blouses or other tops, same.

BOTTOMS:

Jeans: dark denim to light.

Pants: Black, white, khaki, colors.

Skirts by length: Black, khaki, colors.

Dresses: Same.



*** TIP:

Still have too much clothing? Turn all the hangers in your closet backwards. Whenever you wear something, hang it back the right way. At the end of a year, get rid of all items still hanging backwards. If you haven't worn it in a year, the chances are you won't ever wear it again.

