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MASTER CLOSET

Simplify your get-ready routine with a few ingenious products, a little muscle, and a plan that puts organization first.

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ON THE HOOK

These minimalist hooks offer a convenient place to hang bags and jackets—or to put art or mirrors on display. Made from oak and available in seven colors, each hook comes with screws and anchors to make install easy. Individual Wall Hook, \$14; loopliving.co

SPACE SAVER Purchase a wall shelf (ours has built-in drawers), then use heavy-duty brackets to hang it at the ideal height as a mini dressing table. The free space below can house hampers or additional shallow shelving.

ALL SORTED Thanks to a probiotic technology that helps break down bacteria and eliminate odors, this easy-to-assemble hamper can handle even your sweatiest gym clothes. A slim profile means it stows neatly in small spaces. Slim Space-Saving Fabric Laundry Hamper, \$25; us.neatfreak.com



BAUBLE BAR Put your favorite jewelry on display with this luxe necklace holder. Six arms intersect to keep everything from short pendants to long chains neat and untangled, while a solid marble base offers safe storage for rings, earrings, and other accessories until it's time to get glammed up again. Marble and Gold Necklace Holder, \$49; pbteen.com



PERFECT FIT Great for drawers and vanity surfaces alike, this jewelry tray expands to fit your space. The lined interior cradles bracelets, necklaces, and earrings in 12 compartments. Stackers Medium Expandable Necklace Tray, \$40; containerstore.com



GOOD PLAN Last night's effort is this morning's smooth sailing! Choose, steam, and hang tomorrow's outfit on a hook in your closet entry to make getting ready a breeze. We used a folding hook that flips up so it's out of the way when not needed. Bjärnum Hooks, \$10 for a pack of three; ikea.com



IN THE CLEAR Designed to securely stack on top of one another, these modular shoe drawers are a godsend for any footwear fiend. The see-through construction means it's easy to spot that perfect pair of flats. Clear Stackable Shoe Drawer, \$10; containerstore.com



STORE 'N' STOW Turn messy piles of sweaters and pants into neat stacks with this steel divider. Created to pair perfectly with the Elfa wire shelving system, it snaps into place. Platinum Elfa Ventilated Wire Shelf Dividers, starting at \$6 each; containerstore.com



SHOE STACKER Flip-flops and sandals can be a hassle to store. Keep them organized compactly when you use the bottom panel of a fabric bin as a handy divider. Stack shoes upright and slide the bin onto a shelf for easy selection.



CUSTOM FIT Turning a blank slate into your dream closet takes careful planning. To find the right system for your needs, first determine your priorities. If you have a lot of dresses and other long items to hang, you'll want a single-rod option. If you need space for accessories and bags, open shelving is the answer. And if you're a gym rat, you'll want room for baskets to stow your favorite tanks and shorts. Next, choose a style: Most systems come in wire, faux wood, or wood. For this closet, we chose Rubbermaid's Configurations Deluxe Custom Closet Kit because its wire shelving was flexible enough to meet all our needs. Familiarize yourself with the kits available in each style, then determine the add-ons, such as drawers and dividers, you'll need most for your wardrobe. Last, ensure your selected system is appropriate for your space. Measure each wall and sketch a plan before purchasing each component, then watch your new closet come to life.

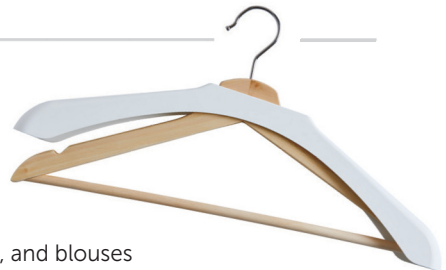


EASY UP Keep knee-high boots in great shape with a dollar-store find: pool noodles. Cut to size and slide one inside each boot to prevent creases and worn spots on your favorite pairs.



SMOOTH OPERATOR

This clever clothes hanger cover keeps sweaters, jackets, and blouses shapely and snag-free. Designed to protect delicate apparel, it's a budget-friendly buy for men's and women's clothing alike. Bumerang Shoulder Shaper, \$0.50; ikea.com





COMING IN CLUTCH Keep your handbag collection in tip-top shape with this adjustable file sorter. The two center dividers can be moved to create custom-size slots for your favorite purses, clutches, and wallets. Like-it Portrait File Sorter, \$13; containerstore.com



BASKET CASE Slide-out baskets are ideal for storing a bunch of smaller items—but it's what's inside that counts. Drawer dividers organize accessories like ties and belts into an easy-to-view grid, and clear bins keep hard goods like shoe-care kits and sewing supplies separated and ready for action.





CLEAR THE AIR Filled with bamboo charcoal, this scent-free sachet eliminates pesky closet odors, allergens, and moisture. Simply set it outside in the sun once a month to renew its absorbing powers. Car & Closet Bag, \$10; mosonatural.com

QUICK CHANGE Keep athletic clothes from becoming a jumbled mess. Stash folded leggings, shorts, and sports bras in a shallow, wide basket placed on a shelf for easy access. Roll larger items like sweatshirts and pants for a wrinkle-free workout.



WRINKLE IN TIME Put down that iron! With a two-minute heat time and a cord that's nearly 8 feet long, this travel-size steamer makes mornings easier—and it's small enough to fit tidily on a closet shelf. Steam and Go Handheld Garment Steamer, \$30; bedbathandbeyond.com

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