

5 Tips to Double Your Closet Space

... Advice from a closet designer



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A short time ago, a local couple came to us looking for some solutions to increase the usable space in their closets. They were your average, professional, middle-aged couple; who had simply grown tired of dealing with the mess of shoes, clothes, bags, and accessories that had taken over their closet.



Does this sound like you as well? If we're being honest, I'm sure at one point or another we've all been in the same predicament this couple was in.

And just why do I feel safe making that assumption? Because a majority of home builders opt to take the easiest (and cheapest) route when it comes to closets. Whether it's a huge walk in closet or an average size reach in; what you are most likely to find is a single hang rod for hanging clothes on and a single shelf. That's it!

It's exactly what the couple looking for our help had in their 7' wide closet. With nothing more than a standard single rod and shelf bracket, you can plainly see why this couple was struggling to contain the clutter.

Look familiar?

The Problem . . .

Single Hang Rod

There is quite a bit of wall space being wasted by only using a single hang rod in a closet. A couple more heavy sweaters hanging on this rod could bring it down. There is definitely room for improvement here.

No Place for Purses or Bags

If you were to pull one of the purses or bags off of this shelf, you'd probably be buried under an avalanche of the other purses and bags that have been haphazardly thrown on the shelf.

No Place for Shoes

In the absence of a storage solution, shoes are usually just thrown into the bottom of the closet in a pile. Pairs are quickly separated using this method. Then, frustration ensues when you're in a hurry but can't find your missing shoe.

No Drawers

If you can see the wall in your closet, you've got wasted space. Which means you've probably got room for drawers. Add a few drawers in the closet, and free up space elsewhere.

A single shelf

Really? How much stuff do they expect you to pile on that one shelf? This has to be one of the most inefficient uses of space. Yet, thousands of closets are built each year into new homes with this exact set up.

The Solution . . .



The solution is a custom closet system that optimizes your closet space to use every square inch so you have a place for everything so you can be more organized.

It's not noted above but the top shelf is a great place for suit cases or duffle bags, bulky things that aren't typically used every day but you need a place to put them.

The process from clutter to organized may seem daunting, but it really is quite simple when you have an experienced expert involved. Someone who takes the time to do an inventory of what you need to store and create the perfect solution using 3D design software so you can see exactly what it will look like when it is finished.

Double Hang Rods

You can instantly double the usable space in your closets by using double hang rods instead of a single rod. Also, you've probably got some items hanging that should really be folded and put into drawers or on shelves (i.e. sweaters, long sleeve shirts, etc.). Double hang rods free up space in the closet so you can add other storage solutions as well.

A Place for Purses and Bags

Now that you have double hang rods, proper shoe storage, and plenty of shelves, you should also have room to add a good storage solution for purses and bags. You can add in some purse cubbies to organize all the handbags. Or another option would be to use shelves. Now that you have more than one, your bags can be neatly arranged rather than all piled on one shelf.

Plenty of Drawers

You can use some of the freed up wall space in your closet for drawers. They are great for storing your unmentionables, jewelry, and a variety of other items.

A Place for Shoes

There are a number of ways to address the clutter of shoes at the bottom of your closet. There are slanted shoe shelves that mount to the wall; free standing shoe cubbies with adjustable heights; shoe rack slat wall accessories; and solutions that can be mounted to the back of a door. Whatever shoe storage solution you go with, it should get the bottom of your closet cleared up and help you gain some space.

Additional Shelves

One thing every closet could stand to use more of is shelving. You can use adjustable shelves for storing a number of things in your closet, including: folded clothes; extra blankets, sheets, and pillows; pocket change; or nearly any variety of other items.

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