

Light House

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When my parents bought the house that I grew up in, they described it as, "still on the slab." The concrete had been poured, but there were plenty of designs and decisions that were left to be made. It still was a work in progress.

One such decision was whether there should be a fireplace in the family room, or if that space should be a closet for the bedroom on the other side of the wall. My dad wholeheartedly chose the closet; he had grown up in the country and had chopped his LAST piece of firewood!

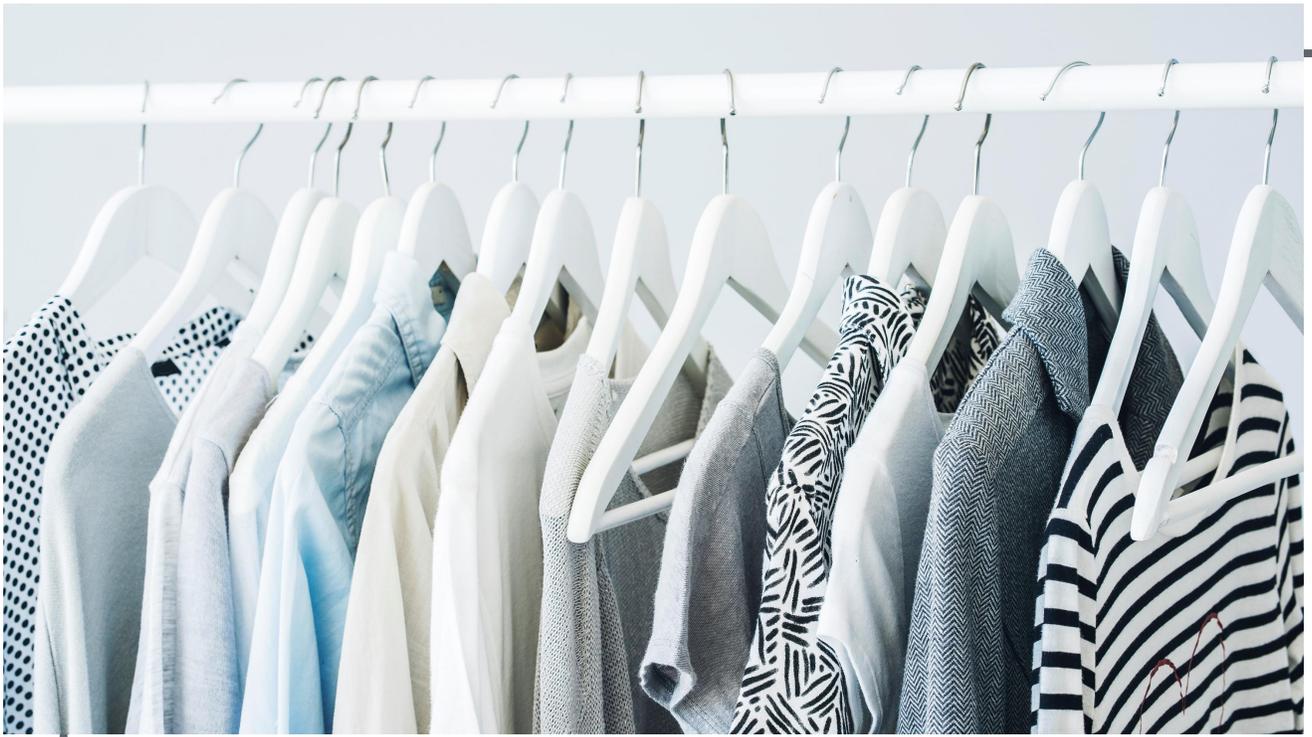
I came along about 15 years after that critical decision was made, and became the proud owner of two closets in my bedroom. They were both 6'x 3' rectangles that ran along one wall, with sliding doors that would only let me see half of the closet at a time.

When I became a teenager, I decided that I wanted to be able to see everything I could wear at once. After convincing my parents to allow me to take the sliding doors off and replace them with bifold doors, I went straight to work. I only got as far as taking the panels off after realizing I had no carpentry experience to install the bifold doors! At least the closet was still open for me to see everything at once... Ha!

The point of the story is; if your closet isn't working for you, you CAN create changes to make it more efficient. Is it too many clothes? Are you unable to find that blouse you just know you have "somewhere"? Do you need better systems?

The time for change is now. Let's take off the closet door and get started!

Suzanne



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, CLOTHE YOURSELVES with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colosians 3:12

Why is cleaning your closet so important?

It is LIBERATING!

You will feel a sense of clarity and enjoy getting ready for the day.

You save soooo much TIME!

No more spending hours looking for your shoes or favourite shirt!

When you shop, it is with PURPOSE.

You know what you need, because you know what you already own.

Your closet must-have...

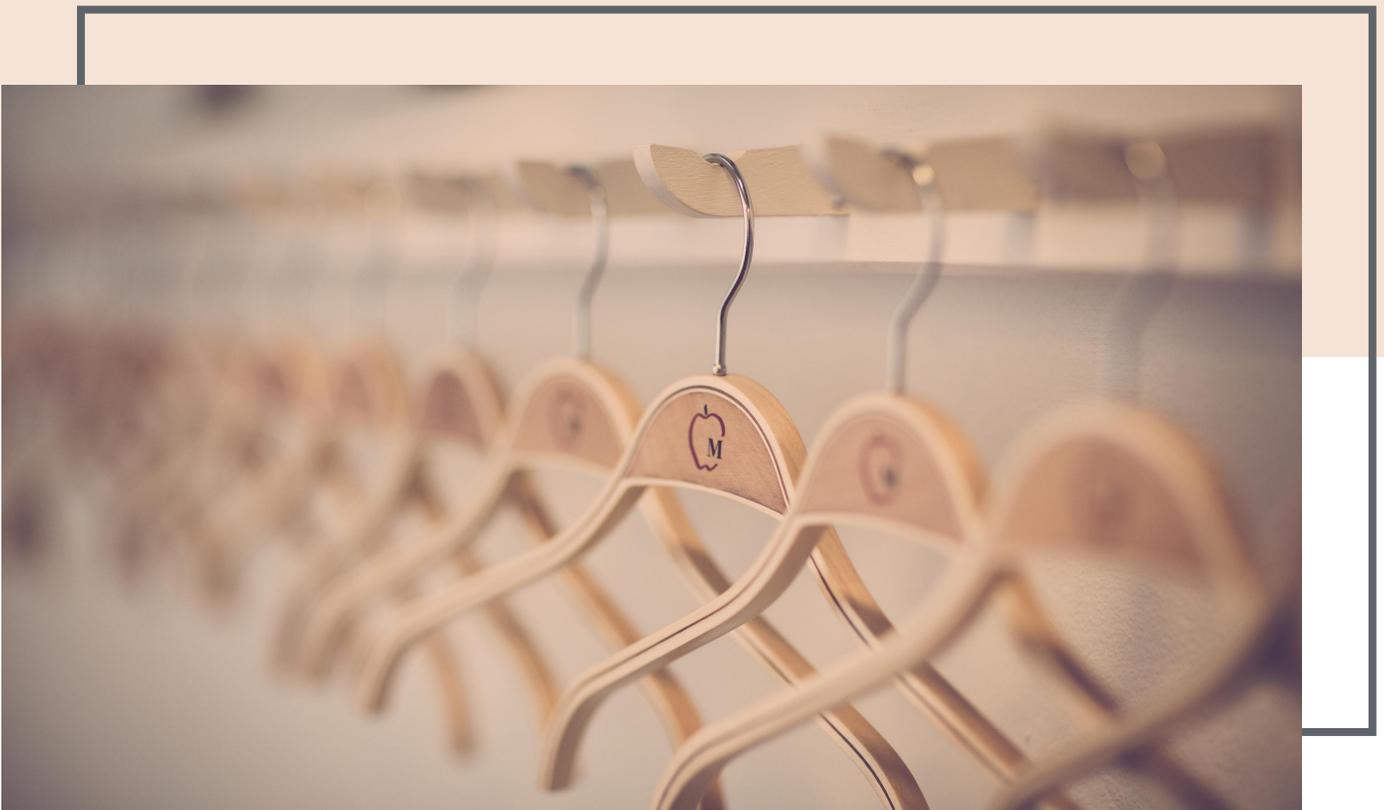
There are a few things that are worth paying to when it comes to the organization of your closet, and HANGERS is on the top of my list.

You say, "Suzanne, I have hangers coming out my ears! We already have too many!"

But are they the right kind of hangers? Are they the wire ones from the dry cleaners that tend to bend and leave your closet a mess? Are they the brittle plastic ones that break if your sweater is too heavy? In my research and experience, I found that the wire hangers are too thin and can lead to long term damage of your favorite pieces. Thick wooden hangers are a great option that mimic our shoulders and are gentle on our clothes, but they take up extra space!

So what do I recommend?

I opt for slim velvet ones that take care of my clothes, make my closet aesthetically pleasing, and take up less room than the alternatives.



Shall We Begin?

A quick guide to cleaning out your closet



The first thing to do is take all of the clothes out of the closet. That's right - empty the entire thing!

Generally, I use several rolling garment racks to keep the clothes hanging and sorted. If that isn't an option for you, laying your clothes out on the bed will work!

The important thing is that they are out of the closet, and ready for the decision-making process.

Take a critical look at your clothes to decide which ones you want to keep, donate, or toss! Need help deciding? Check out the following pages in this edition!

Once the decisions are made, it's time to hang the "keepers" back in the closet. How you hang them depends on what works best for you!

Here are some sorting options that I like to suggest:

Sort your clothes...

- By color
- By length
- By season
- By type (T-Shirts, sweaters, dresses, etc.)

Check it out!



In this closet, all the tops are organized by color, starting with white and moving to black. It doesn't distinguish between short sleeve, long sleeve or poncho, but the colors are separated by rod dividers. Pants, scarves and heavy coats are separate.



To Hang

or not

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Let's make use of all those hangers we've got floating around!

Hang:

- Dress shirts
- T-shirts and tank tops
- Pants and shorts
- Dresses and Skirts

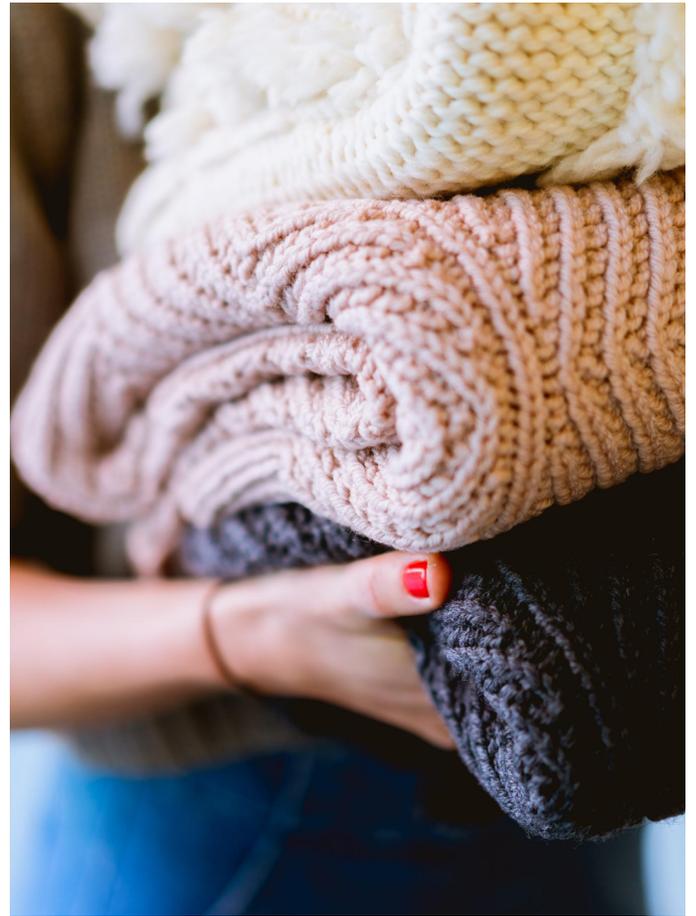
Fold:

- Pajamas
- Underwear
- Bras
- Socks
- Bathing Suits
- Sweaters

I hang gym shorts and shirts too. It might sound funny, but the key is to ensure that you can easily view your clothing! If you can see it, you can wear it!

Cleaning Out Your Closet

Time to purge? You don't have to be afraid of it! I have a few tips and tricks that makes it easier for you to decide what needs to go, and what gets to stay!



Keep

- Clothes you love
- Clothes that fit
- Clothes with sentimental value

Donate

- Clothes you've outgrown
- Clothes you never wear
- Clothes you have a too many of

Toss

- Clothes that are ripped or stained
- Clothes that are worn out
- Unwanted undergarments

Cleaning Calendar

Overwhelmed? Take it one day at a time!
We've put together a step-by-step calendar to guide you through the intimidating process of closet clean-out. Dedicate 10 minutes each day to organizing, purging, and donating the specific item on the calendar. By the end of the month, you'll have a brand new closet!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Day of Rest	Label 3 Containers "Donate", "Consign", "Decide"	Short-Sleeve Dress Shirts	Short-Sleeve T-Shirts	Long-Sleeve Dress Shirts	Long-Sleeve T-Shirts	Tank Tops
Day of Rest	Dresses	Skirts	Pants	Shorts	Exercise Clothes	Bras, Underwear, and Socks
Day of Rest	Make a list of products you'll need to purchase!	Order supplies	Jackets	Coats	Scarves	Swimsuits
Day of Rest	Go through any clothing you haven't touched yet!	Contact Scrap Stash Studio about sentimental items	Mail Project to Scrap Stash Studio	Install purchased supplies	Arrange your clothes how you'd like	Enjoy your new closet!

Light House Legacy Project

Organizing and de-cluttering doesn't mean throwing away everything!
The Light House Legacy Project, was designed to take your sentimental objects and repurpose them into beautiful tributes.



Nana's wedding clothes repurposed into a display pillow.

Outgrown baby clothes made into a keepsake plushie.



Cuddly characters made from shirts of a dearly missed Pappaw.

Out of clutter, find
simplicity.



Nobody ever said, "I regret
organizing my house".



A good system shortens the
road to your goal.