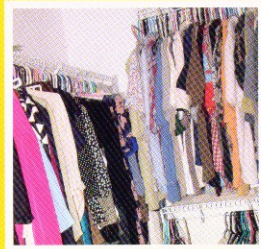


REORGANIZE YOUR CLOSET!

Now is the time to get your wardrobe ready for a New Year.



A walk-in closet for two that needed to be made over



The finished project—a closet where everything is easy to find!



Wooden cabinets installed in the closet created more walking space

If the prospect of cleaning out your closet seems daunting, Malia Gurney of Dream Closets, an Authorized Closet Maid MasterSuite Dealer in Hawaii, has a few timely tips to make this chore easier. "Organizing your closets can be an intimidating project, especially if your stuff is absolutely overflowing into the space you have," says Malia. "But it doesn't have to be a miserable experience if you approach it with a bit of planning and a sense of fun," she says. Take for example one of Malia's recent clients, Darilyn, a working Mom looking to bring some organization to her walk-in closet. Malia recommends starting at one end of your closet and working your way to the other end. "We wear 20 percent of our wardrobe 80 percent of the time. The rest of our clothes rarely, if ever, get worn at all," she explains.

Take each item off the rod to determine whether it stays or goes. If you're sure you want to keep it, slide it down to the end, where you've got the "keeping" clothes accumulating. Anything you want to discard goes in a bag or box allocated for contribution to your favorite charity.

What about those "iffy" items? What should you do with the pants you love but are too small to fit in? Give it away. If your New Year's resolution was to get back in shape to fit in that wardrobe, great! Think how much fun it will be to shop for your reward!

Now comes the fun part: putting everything away. "You have to think about how you'll

best use the space with your current wardrobe," according to Malia. For Darilyn, she recommended dividing the closet into two sections, one for her husband and the other side for her. She added a combination of long-hanging space for her dresses and double-hangings for shirts and pants, with pants on the top and shirts on the bottom to maximize the walking area.

Drawer space was added into the closet by providing his and her sections, giving them more than enough space to eliminate their current dresser from the bedroom. For Darilyn, the installation of her dream closet took just under three hours.

When it's time to put your clothes away, start with your hangers. Whether you prefer wood or plastic, choose just one type to hang in your closet and discard the others. Next, divide your wardrobe into sections, such as leisurewear and your work wardrobe. This may mean putting together all your long shirts, then the short sleeve shirts, and so on. You'll immediately see separate sections of your closet begin to emerge in an organized fashion.

"We tend to begin cluttering because we don't see a permanent place to keep things," Malia says. "By organizing this way it'll be much easier to find each item's home. Otherwise you just start putting things back altogether in the middle of the pole and the clutter starts all over again. After all, what fun is it to buy a Mamo Howell Muumuu if you can't find it?"

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