Closet Organization: Best Practices



After you clean out a closet, you gotta put it all back! Here are a few best practices for organization.

Remove organizational contraptions such as: shoe hanging bags, belt hangers, or scarf rings. Replace them with suitable solutions that make sense once you've cleaned out what doesn't go back.

- Shoes: place on floor or shelving so it's clear to see. A lot of times shoe hangers can be removed because there aren't as many shoes!
- Belts: hang on S hooks (found at home improvement stores)
- Scarfs: hang on hangers! Or file fold and store in an open box so they can be seen

Matching hangers - whichever hangers you want to use.

Slim felt are the industry standard because:

- clothes don't fall off the felt
- they are slim, so you can either fit more or have a closet that isn't crammed
- in a similar color it provides a calming sense of organization to the closet when you look at it.

Hang everything! If you can see it, you can wear it. This goes for displaying jewelry, scarves, etc.

Organize by major category, sleeve type, then by color (light to dark) within the type. Example:

- Major categories:
 Tops, dresses, skirts, pants, jackets
- By sleeve type: For tops: Sleeveless, short sleeves, 3/4th length sleeves, long sleeves, button downs
- By color: White, beige, brown, pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black
- Patterns go after the solid color.
- Example: solid pink short sleeve, striped pink short sleeve.

Fold sweaters. Hanging them on hangers like a blouse will result in misshapen shoulders. If you MUST hang them, then hang them folded in half over the straight bar.

Exceptions to the "rules":

• An exception to these practices is if a certain something REALLY works for you.