

## Spring Clean Your Wardrobe! (Part II)



Most of us have to open our wardrobe at least once a day but it is also probably one of the most neglected parts of the house when it comes to housekeeping. If you are experiencing the many painful symptom of having a messy wardrobe as discussed in the last article, learn how you can manage and eliminate the clutter in your wardrobe in 10 easy steps.

### Steps to Eliminate the Clutter

#### 1) Classify

Classify your clothes into the following:

- (A) I'm Definitely Keeping these Clothes
- (B) I'm Definitely Not Keeping these Clothes
- (C) I'm Not Sure if I Should Keep these Clothes

#### 2) Eliminate

Remove (B) from your wardrobe and throw them away. Donate those that are still in good condition to a charity.

#### 3) Store

(C) could probably be clothes that you have not worn for the past 6 months because they may be out-of-fashion, ill-fitting, uncomfortable or unflattering. Do not keep these clothes in the main wardrobe. Instead, store these clothes in a case or high shelf. Monitor how often you go to them. If they are left untouched for the next 6 months, get rid of them because chances are you will never wear them again!

### Steps to Organize Your Wardrobe

#### 4) Categorize by Type

Hang similar items together. For e.g. the top goes with the tops, the bottom with the bottoms and the dress with the dresses.

#### 5) Categorize by Colours

Within each type, further categorize by colours. You could arrange them from the lightest (e.g. white) to the deepest (e.g. black) colours and even separate the cool and warm colours.

#### 6) Categorize by Length

Within each colour, further arrange the clothing by length. For e.g. for pants, arrange them from shorts to bermudas to long pants and for tops, arrange them by length of sleeves, starting from sleeveless to short sleeves to long sleeves etc.

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#### Additional Housekeeping Tips

##### 7) Hang clothes facing in one direction

This allows easy viewing and makes it easier for you to find a particular piece of clothing that you want to wear.

##### 8) Separate Suits

Separate the jackets from the bottoms when storing suits. By doing this, you will discover combinations for outfits you never realized you had.

##### 9) Never Hang One Garment Over the Top of Another

This makes clothes hard to find and you may have gems in your closet that are hidden from your view. Hanging the clothes this way also causes creases which may require another ironing job and hence will deter you from wearing them when you are in a hurry to go out!

##### 10) Repairs/Alterations/Dry Cleaning

Nothing is more frustrating than reaching for that "perfect" outfit for an outing only to realize that it has a missing button! Instead of letting history repeat itself, take the time to go through those "dormant" clothes that are stashed away in your wardrobe because they may be in need of repairs/alterations or dry cleaning. Take the time to fix them up and voila, they become wearable again!

#### An Organized Wardrobe = First Step to a Successful Wardrobe

Organizing the wardrobe may seem like a time-consuming task initially but once you start a good system of storing your clothes, the benefits are tremendous. So spring clean your wardrobe today and start the new year clutter-free!



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