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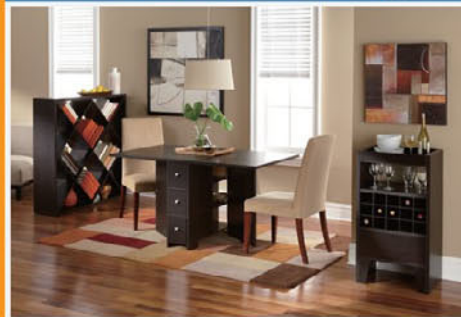


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SMALL-SPACE SLEEPING

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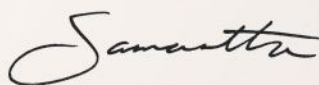
Gaining time is like a dream come true. That canceled meeting or rained-out soccer practice instantly turns into bonus time! Suddenly you feel time-rich and think, *What can I do with this newfound hour?*

Our goal with this issue of *Storage* magazine is to help you gain back some time. Think of what you could do with those few minutes you spend searching for your keys every morning or the hours that have been gobbled up while you dig through a messy desk. Fortunately, small changes can quickly yield results. Maybe it's only a few minutes, but these moments add up to hours of extra time over the course of a month.

Start your time-saving quest in the most common time-draining trouble spots—closets,

garages, and entries. Install affordable closet accessories and get dressed faster ("The Ultimate Small Closet," page 72). Combine the best garage hangers and containers and stop searching for that hidden hammer ("The Ultimate Garage," page 88). Follow our foolproof system for storing shoes and coats and get out the door in a flash ("The Ultimate Mudroom," page 96).

Time is something you can always use more of. So start earning back time and feeling organized simultaneously with our solutions, product recommendations, and insider tips.



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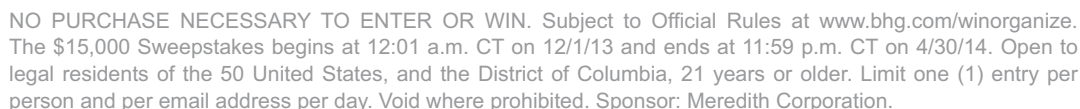


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Paint it the right way

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glam revamp

A budget-conscious facelift for a 1960s hutch yields sophisticated style and smart storage in a busy family bath.

Writer and Producer **Meredith Ladik** Photographer **Jay Wilde**



1 nouveau niche

Updated with soothing cream and coral paint and brushed-brass hardware, this hutch looks custom-built. Its tall, slim profile maximizes wall space without eating up floor space. Open shelves provide grab-and-go perches for folded towels and water-resistant woven totes filled with each family member's toiletries. As you shop for a similar piece at garage sales and flea markets, look for one with a depth of 21 inches or less, enabling the piece to line up with your vanity.

2 drawer dynamics

Carve out a home for frequently used grooming aids in a shallow upper drawer. Plastic bins divide tools by function, making it easier to put items back where they belong after each use to reduce clutter in a squeezed space. Adhesive shelf paper lines the drawer with a durable, cleanable surface.



3 spin doctor

A turntable organizes glass jars filled with disposable items such as cotton swabs and rounds. The labels are cut from a vinyl decal sheet and accented with adhesive letters. A band of paint decorates the jars' bottoms.

4 tray chic

Keep wandering items in line by clustering them within a tabletop tray. Metal votive holders in punchy patterns sort cosmetic brushes.

5 double identity

A drawer pull installed on a vanity side stands in for a hand-towel bar. For a cohesive look, choose metal fixtures in coordinating finishes. When the vanity's knobs and the tub-side table didn't jibe, we simply used gold spray paint to unite them.



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dressed in a flash

Getting your kids ready for the day is less of a chore when you put them in charge of their clothing.

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Minimizing kid clothing chaos isn't about spending a fortune on new furniture or a custom closet. It's about getting your youngster to buy in. "Ask your kids how they want to set up things," professional organizer Kathy Jenkins says. Even very young kids can decide where they like to get dressed and whether they prefer their school clothes to hang on the right or left side of their closets. "The answers don't really matter, but your kid now has ownership in setting up the system," Jenkins says. "And if they help make the system, they can be accountable."

Before shopping for new organizers, Jenkins recommends doing a thorough evaluation of your child's current clothing and setting specific expectations. "Stop throwing your shirts on the floor" isn't a very effective rule, whereas "I expect to not see clothing on the floor when I come into your room to say good-night each night" is achievable and gives kids freedom to figure out their own methods for meeting the goal. Most critically, parents need to practice what they preach. "If you have stuff all over your bedroom floor, don't expect your kids to understand why you are insisting that their floor be clean," Jenkins says.

Evaluate clothing at the change of season or after a child has gone through a growth spurt. Involve kids in the process by having them pull out their favorites, which can then be placed on the shelf or rod that's easiest to access.



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1. Large picture labels or iconic rub-on decals, used here, allow children to put away and find their clothes even before they can read. **2.** Plastic expandable drawer dividers keep stacks of folded clothing from toppling. Labels in the bottom remind kids where each item belongs. **3.** A fun hamper—perhaps with a backboard—turns picking up clothes into a game. **4.** A peg rail hung outside the closet shows off the clothes for the day. A small tote corrals shoes, socks, and accessories.



5. Curtains pulled back by a ribbon make it easy for kids to grab what they need. **6.** A clear plastic tag (search “retail shelf tags” online) hangs easily from a wire closet component and can be changed quickly. **7.** A bin for each activity gathers all uniform necessities in one place. **8.** Underbed boxes hold seasonal items out of the way. Each label serves as an inventory, noting sizes, quantity, and next season’s needs. **9.** Rod dividers (these are homemade from cardstock) delineate what goes where. Other labeling strategies include listing days of the week or each child’s name in a shared closet. **10.** Adjustable closet systems allow for kids’ closets to change along with their sizes. **11.** Shelves and bars are easy to remove and rework.



Kids can also be helpful “damage detectives,” searching for stains and holes to be repaired. If your kids can’t make it through the entire process, have them try on at least one of every type of clothing so you have a sample size of what fits to then use as reference while you evaluate the rest of their wardrobe.

Supply kids with the right tools—shelves, rods, hangers, hooks, and a hamper—to keep edited wardrobes in good order. Reserve traditional dresser drawers for small staple items, such as underwear, socks, undershirts, tights, and PJs. Shift all other garments to a cubby-style bookcase or closet shelves.

Reserve one or two hanging rods for your child’s nicest clothing; fold and stack the rest. Invest in right-size, good-quality hangers. Child-size hangers are great for toddlers and preschoolers, but as kids grow you must upgrade to wider versions to keep garments from falling off. Slim, velvet-lined hangers are worth the investment because they minimize slipping and save space.

Hooks are easier than hangers for kids to manage their everyday clothes. Mount several inside or near a closet and dangle jeans and shirts. Be prepared to raise hooks as kids grow taller and their clothes get longer. “Life changes, so choose a system you can easily adjust,” Jenkins says.

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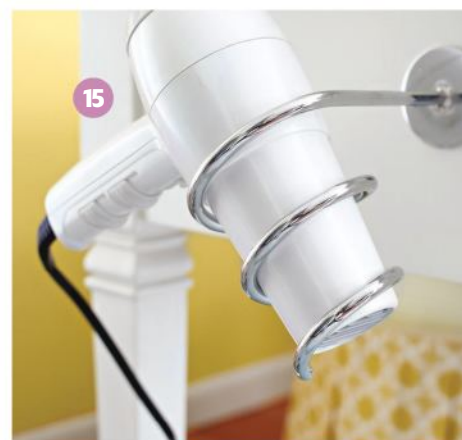
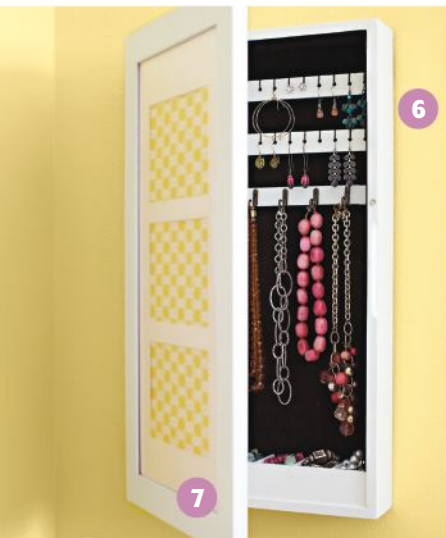
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small order

Make morning primping a soothing process with these quick and clever storage solutions for grooming essentials.

Writer **Chelsea Evers** Photographer **Cameron Sadeghpour** Producer **Pamela Porter**





1 Keep surface clutter at bay when you choose a dressing table with deep, wide drawers to house brushes, cosmetics, and toiletries.

2 Stow cosmetic brushes and other tools in a roll-up case to keep them clean and ready for use.

3 Show off pretty perfumes, polishes, and statement jewelry on shallow trays and cake stands.

4 Hide an electrical strip inside a drawer and plug in curling irons and blow-dryers with ease.

5 Double up on function when you use a storage ottoman as seating. A patterned skirt adds a layer of style.

6 Save counter space with a felt-lined wall photo cabinet. Necklaces stay untangled, while earrings dangle in pairs.

7 Fill photo frames with paper for a quick burst of pattern and color.

8 Sort grooming products by task (for example, hair or eye care) and store in one drawer. Position daily-use items at the front.

9 Affix a small fabric-wrapped magnet to the inside of a drawer to keep stray bobby pins together.

10 Collect hair ties, clips, and other tiny accessories in clear-top spice containers.

11 Drop cosmetics into shallow trays designed for office supplies.

12 Corral disposable items in clear containers so they're easy to find and refill.

13 Mount a mirrored medicine cabinet above your dressing table, even if it's not located in a bath. Keep hair spray, lotions, and creams within the compartment.

14 Top the table with a sheet of glass to provide a safe place for hot tools.

15 Slide blow-dryers and other tools into salon-inspired holsters mounted to the vanity's side.

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hit the road

Pack the perfect suitcase for an entire week by combining these field-tested organizers and our best insider tips.

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1 grab 'n' go

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7 bag it

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ONE WEEK, ONE SUITCASE

Save headaches—and annoying baggage fees—by toting a single suitcase on your next trip. Here's how to wedge a week's worth of gear inside.

■ **Plan** Check the weather in your destination: Will you need an umbrella? A jacket? A swimsuit? Mentally put together each day's outfit, including changes of clothes for evening or exercise, and then write a list of everything you'll need.

■ **Minimize** You need far fewer clothes than you think, so get ruthless. Go for interchangeable layers: two or three bottoms (pants, jeans, skirts, or dresses), four or five tops (a mix of shirts and sweaters), plus jewelry and scarves. Every top should coordinate with every bottom. Choose a few top layers you can wear twice with a change of shirt or camisole. Include one pair of underwear and one pair of socks for each day. No need to pack extras; you can always wash or shop for extras. Limit yourself to two pairs of versatile shoes (one for walking and a dressier pair).

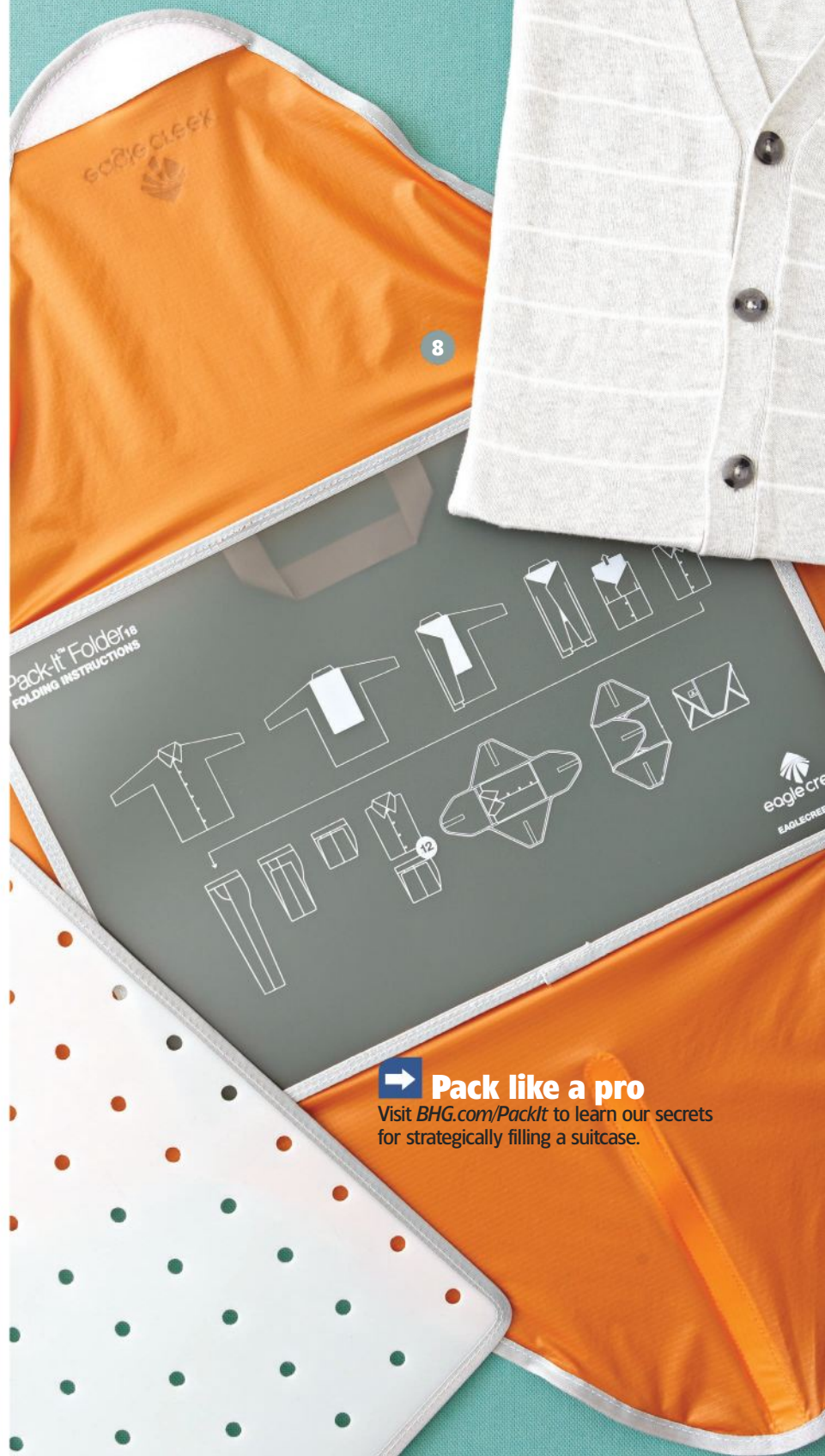
■ **Assemble** Plan to wear your bulkiest shoes and clothes on the plane. Lay out everything else on a bed or big table, including accessories and jewelry. Pack only items on your list so you're less tempted to add "just in case" items. Shoes go in first, as they're usually heaviest and don't compress. Tuck scarves, belts, underwear, or socks inside, and position them as in a shoebox (soles out).

■ **Roll** Rolling clothes takes up less space than folding and minimizes wrinkles. Pack rolled pants and sweaters first, then fill in with rolled tees, tanks, socks, and undergarments. To squeeze in several sweaters, use compression sacks or vacuum bags to squish them to a manageable size.

■ **Drop** Need an extra bit of space for that final shirt? Zip up your nearly packed bag and drop it two or three times from a height of about 18 inches. The contents will shift and compact, yielding extra packing space.

8 flat-out fab

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9 openly brilliant

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10 small wonder

Drop a compacted tote bag into your suitcase to expand as a day-trip satchel or extra carry-on for your return trip. Zip-Out Bags, \$30–\$35; baggallini.com



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11 press tour

Fill these nylon cubes with a week's worth of clothing, then compress and zip to save space. Pack-It Specter compression set, \$38; shop.eaglecreek.com

Gain more than 3 inches of space with each cube!



QUICK TRICKS

Travel smarter by repurposing items you already have on hand.

12 jewelry saver

Ditch the vitamins and instead fill a weeklong medication case with jewelry organized by day or look. Corral safety pins and other mending supplies in an empty chamber.



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13 in the bag

Speed up packing and dressing later by loading gallon-size zipper bags with outfits. Use adhesive labels to note the wearer and day of the week. Press out air for tight packing.



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14 making contact

Deposit earrings or tiny batteries inside contact lens cases. Screw-top lids prevent leaking, making the containers ideal for a dab of hair gel, eye cream, or first aid ointment.



clothes call

Professional organizer Audrey Thomas—aka Organized Audrey—opens the door to her revamped closet.

Writer **Mara Boo** Photographer **Jay Wilde** Producer **Gayle Schadendorf**



As an efficiency expert and professional organizer, Audrey Thomas thought she understood everything about closet organization. Yet even she learned some new tricks while transforming the windowless space she once used as her home office into a new master closet to share with her husband, Tony.

What surprised you most about planning your closet? How hard it was to finalize its design! I was overwhelmed by the decision-making process.

Did working with a closet company make it easier? Absolutely! I interviewed three potential closet organizers. The one I ultimately chose asked a lot of questions about our habits, like where we unpack from our travels, where we put our shoes on, and where our dirty laundry goes. They made me think of things I never would have considered on my own, and then incorporated those things into the final design.

What topped your wish list? I wanted the island to be dead center in the closet, I wanted a custom laundry bin, and I wanted separate his-and-her zones.

Did you change your mind about any of those things? The closet pro convinced me an off-center island, rather than one right in the middle of the closet, made more sense so we wouldn't have to walk around it all the time. He said making the closet symmetrical wouldn't make it functional, and that really got my attention because I'm all about function. He was so right!

I also realized I didn't want a custom laundry bin after all because the sorters I already had worked so well. We sort our clothes by lights, darks, and cold-water brights as we go, so doing laundry takes less time. I'm constantly telling people to choose functionality over beauty, so I took my own advice and stuck with what already worked. As for separate his-and-hers zones, yes, I did keep that idea!



1. Professional organizer Audrey Thomas carefully combined cupboards, drawers, shelves, and hanging rods in her master closet. **2.** Audrey's boots and shoes are neatly arrayed on sized-to-fit shelves; she assembles and accessorizes outfits for the next day on a pullout rod. **3.** All of Audrey and husband Tony's travel necessities—such as luggage and sample-size toiletries—are gathered in one easy-access space behind a striped curtain. **4.** Pullout hooks store belts with tangle-free simplicity. "They work just as well for necklaces, too," Audrey says.

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new item that comes into the closet, two have to go out. It's not difficult for me to release things, but my husband likes to keep things "just in case." He must have had 10 pairs of shoe trees and never used any of them. They were in a pile collecting dust. So we compromised. He kept two pairs in case he ever needs them and got rid of the rest—but not without a little discussion!

What's your advice for anyone contemplating a closet redo? Take time to think about your habits. I prefer to fold my T-shirts; my husband likes to hang his. I like to stand when I put on my shoes; my husband prefers to sit. All those things factored into the design of our closet so it works perfectly for both of us.

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Why did you want a zone approach?

It just made the most sense. Remember, I'm an efficiency expert. I know that streamlining processes encourages efficiency, so why not apply that theory to getting ready in the morning or packing for a business trip? Zones make it easy to spot things, easy to put them away, and easy to do an inventory check. Everything is grouped by item—shoes, dresses, T-shirts, pants, pajamas, you name it.

How do you maintain order in your closet?

Since everything has its place, it's easy to keep the closet neat and tidy. I also try to follow this rule: For every one

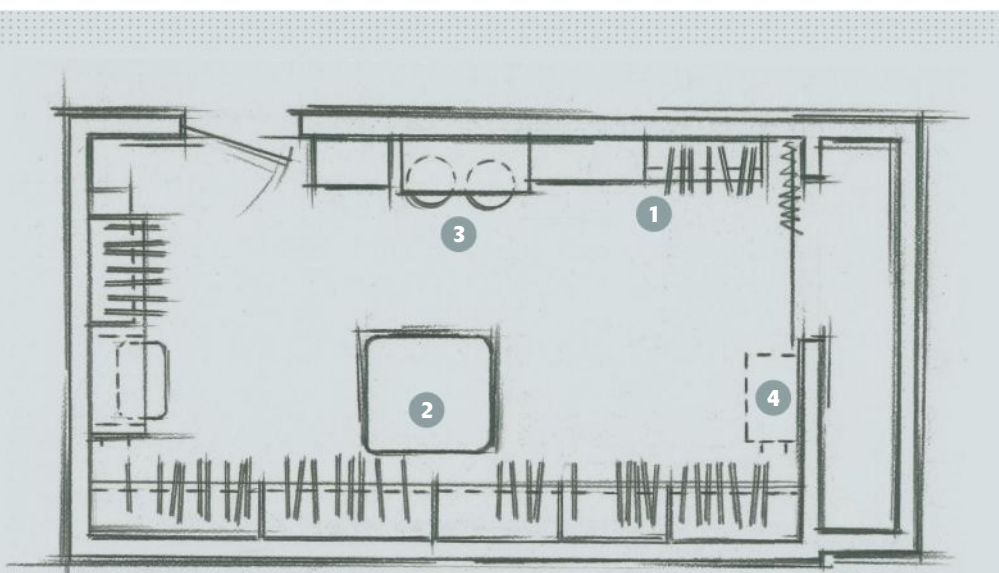
Any other tips? Take inventory of what you own. Count your shoes. Count your dresses. Know how many purses you have, because if you're like me, you're going to be surprised by how much space they fill. And don't tackle this job while planning your daughter's wedding. I did, and I don't recommend it to anyone!

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5. Off the floor and easy to reach, Tony's shoes and accessories are displayed alongside wardrobe items. Double-hung rods—taller for shirts; shorter for pants—make the most of precious wall space. **6.** A vented wire basket stows shirts waiting to be dropped off at the dry cleaner. **7.** Frequent business travelers, Audrey and Tony appreciate their new closet's conveniences. **8.** Audrey opted for a laminate counter atop the island, where she and Tony place suitcases for packing. **9.** The island boasts eight drawers, four each for Audrey and Tony to stash folded clothing. Acrylic dividers maintain perfect stacks. **10.** A divided, velvet-lined jewelry drawer ensures bracelets, rings, and earrings remain scratch-free.



in the zone

Strategically situated by function, this master closet makes speedy work of getting ready for the day.

1 wear

Clothes are grouped by item and owner for quick dressing. The couple installed a mix of shelves, rods, and drawers to match their wardrobes.

2 pack

A curtain conceals all things travel-related in an odd-shape niche, while the island's height is ideal for filling a suitcase.

3 launder

Sorting laundry in the closet allows Audrey to save time on wash day. Stain sticks and mending supplies are stowed behind double cabinet doors above.

4 accessorize

Jewelry, scarves, socks, and more are corralled in a four-drawer cabinet that also displays decorative and sentimental items.

raise the roof on organizing

A remodel breathes new life into a ranch home to reflect a family's need for plenty of storage.

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THIS PHOTO: Raised ceilings and neutral wall colors create a feeling of openness in this family space. Built-ins mimic kitchen cabinetry and provide hideaway storage and decorative display. **BELOW RIGHT:** The exterior of Frank and Brooke Puleo's home—with its traditional architectural lines and slate blue shingles—reflects the couple's East Coast experiences.



Returning to California after years in New York City was the ideal move for Brooke and Frank Puleo. But the Menlo Park ranch house where they settled their young family was decidedly less than ideal. With the help of architect Jim Maliski, designer Nancy Evars, and interior designer Mary Jo Fiorella, the Puleos found ways to transform the dated and confined floor plan. The team raised the ceilings in several rooms, tore down walls to encourage flow, and incorporated lots of custom built-ins, open shelving, and other clever storage options.

The revamped kitchen is a masterpiece of inconspicuous storage. Two cabinets boast doors with hydraulic lifts that raise to provide easy access. Electrical outlets inside each make them ideal for housing small appliances. "Back in the day they were called bread boxes," Fiorella says. "But today they're ideal for appliances you don't need to see all the time." The cabinet-style pantry features color-coded and labeled baskets on pullout shelves for snacks and other frequently used items.

Off the kitchen, a multiuse mudroom with a wall of hooks and labeled cubbies designates a space for each family member's shoes, bag, and jacket. A desk with a built-in filing cabinet helps Brooke stay organized with adjustable shelves for binders of information she refers to regularly and closed storage for less-used items.

Fiorella extended the crisp white cabinets into the family room and incorporated numerous display areas. Two special areas open to create side-by-side workstations for daughters Mia and Gracie. The girls can close cabinet doors to hide away their projects and supplies when not in use.

Master bedroom cabinetry combines deep drawers and full-extension glides to hold the couple's clothing and accessories. Fiorella designed the unit around a centrally located TV and included spots for photos, books, and accessories. Electrical components are tucked away behind doors below. A shared walk-in closet keeps Brooke and Frank fashionably organized with shelves for shoes, dresser drawers for delicates, and double hanging rods for clothing.

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TIME-SAVING TIP

The space within any waist-height cabinet can serve as a convenient spot for completing specific tasks, like paying bills, packing lunches, or pretreating laundry. Use hooks and wall pockets to affix supplies to interior surfaces so everything you need to complete the task is close at hand.





The play/work area, *opposite*, in the family room lets the Puleo daughters create or study while being near the action. When the daughters finish for the day, custom doors at the desks close to mask the work surface and kneehole, producing a streamlined look.

Labeled baskets in bright colors, *above left*, maximize the pantry's space and make snacks and breakfast essentials easy to reach.

An island with maple butcher block, *above*, gives the kitchen a centrally located work space, offers extra storage, and creates a place for family and friends to gather around.

A hydraulic door on a kitchen cabinet, *left*, lifts open to reveal regularly used tools, including a coffeemaker and stand mixer. A shallow band of marble countertop provides just enough room to operate the appliances.



TIME-SAVING TIP

Use a ribbon board to hold important but easy-to-misplace bits of paper, including tickets, gift certificates, reward cards, and passes. Adhere labels to specific areas to reinforce what types of items belong on the board. Hang the board near the door as your final checkpoint before leaving home.



A built-in desk, *opposite*, in the mudroom combines drawers for supplies and hanging files with adjustable shelves for binders and display. Another wall is lined with high cubbies, hooks, and a long bench. Vertical dividers carve out separate areas for each family member.

A corner bookcase, *above*, enhances the living room's architecture. A pair of small ottomans serves dual roles—seating and storage.

Matching towel rings and a custom vanity, *right*, in the guest bathroom organize towels and toiletries, with the space below the sink dedicated to cleaning supplies.

A console table, *far right*, in the entry is a welcoming spot for guests and a broad shelf for stacks of large books.





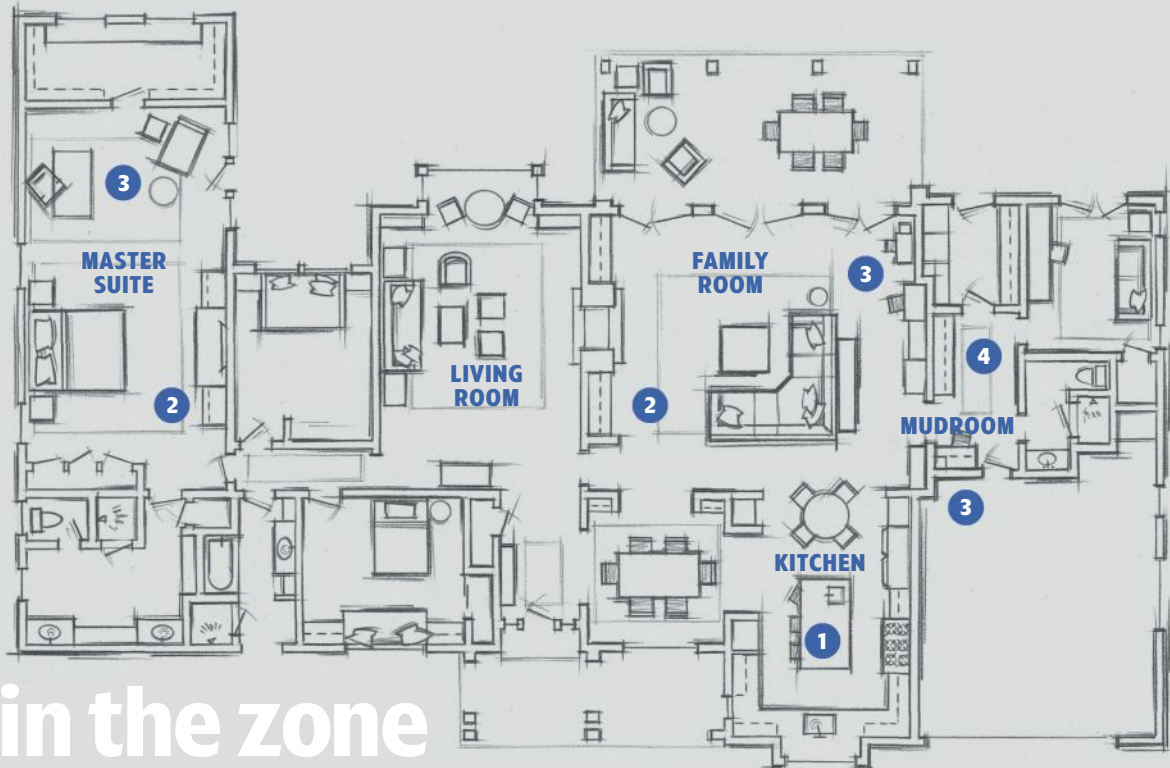
A sleek glass-top desk, above, in a corner of the master bedroom gives the couple a work area while keeping the space light and airy.

A mini dresser, right, streamlines bedside clutter and provides a convenient place to stash regularly used items.

Built-in dressers, opposite left, take up an entire wall in the master bedroom with drawers for clothing and personal items, a niche for the television, small compartments for electrical components, and lots of shelves for personal decor.

The master closet, opposite right, gives Brooke and Frank defined spaces for clothing, shoes, and other accessories. The built-in dresser's top is perfect for displaying Brooke's necklaces and other jewelry so she can get ready quickly. Double rods maximize space for shirts and other shorter hanging garments.





in the zone

In addition to opening up a conventional ranch, this renovation also added family-friendly function.

1 prep

An island creates extra work surface for fixing meals and doing homework. The cabinets below store a bevy of pots, pans, and utensils.

2 stash

Built-in cabinetry with doors and sliding panels allows the homeowners to keep everyday items, clutter, and clothing out of view for a tidy look.

3 work

Desks in various styles and sizes are placed throughout the home so each family member can efficiently complete tasks or get creative.

4 designate

Mudroom cubbies encourage family members to put away personal items. The compact design limits the amount each person can store.



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kitchen spaces

Kitchens are required to host more tasks per square foot than any other room in your home. Get ready to outfit your cook space with targeted storage for cooking, cleaning, and entertaining.



the ultimate kitchen

A narrow galley kitchen is radically revised into a multifunctional family space.

Sometimes adding on is the only way to achieve a kitchen that meets your needs. This was the case when a family of six needed more space and functionality than their galley-style kitchen could provide. The result is a combined kitchen, butler's pantry, home office, and mudroom with zones for cookware, electronics, paperwork, and sports equipment.

Storage space in the kitchen more than doubled thanks to careful placement of cabinets and appliances. For example, extending the kitchen cabinets to the ceiling means less-used items can be stored out of sight on the upper shelves. A double-oven range and additional wall oven let the homeowners easily prepare meals for family or larger groups. Garbage disposals in each of the kitchen sinks allow for prep work and cleanup in both areas. The refrigerator is sited near the range, while the trimmer freezer is placed outside the work triangle. Pullout garbage drawers in multiple locations facilitate recycling and help keep the space tidy.

The design of the butler's pantry was born of necessity because it contains a load-bearing wall that could not be removed. The result is a partially open corridor that connects the kitchen to the office and mudroom areas. Day to day, the butler's pantry serves as an attractive passage to the home's work and utility areas; when the homeowners entertain, it becomes party central, housing the stereo system and transforming into a full-service bar.

The office hosts the family's main computer and has ample storage for essentials such as school papers and household records. Its proximity to the kitchen hub makes it a great place for family members to check e-mail or do homework while feeling connected to the action.

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OPPOSITE: Glass fronts on cabinets near the dishwasher showcase attractive stoneware the family regularly uses. The two slim drawers below ensure easy access to napkins, dishcloths, and towels. **THIS PHOTO:** Cabinets go all the way to the ceiling, creating plenty of storage. A tambour-style cabinet to the left of the sink opens for easy access to small appliances.



kitchen spaces



A refrigerator with a cabinet-style front, left, is a step from the range, creating a convenient work triangle.

A spacious island, below, with seating for three anchors the kitchen, offering space for kids or guests to sit comfortably while leaving plenty of room for food preparation on the other side.

Deep drawers like this one beneath the wall oven, *opposite, top left,* hold nested cookware and assorted culinary gear.

A tiled ledge behind the range, opposite, top right, holds favorite oils and adds architectural interest.

A pantry with pullout shelves, opposite, bottom left, allows views of all the dry and canned goods in the cabinet box, not just the items in front. A shallow rack attached to the inside of the pantry door keeps frequently used items and condiments close at hand.

The food pantry wall, opposite, bottom right, has three identical-size doors; two hide the pantry and the third covers a stand-alone freezer. The cabinetry's dark stain signals the transition to the butler's pantry, office, and mudroom, which are accessed to the left.



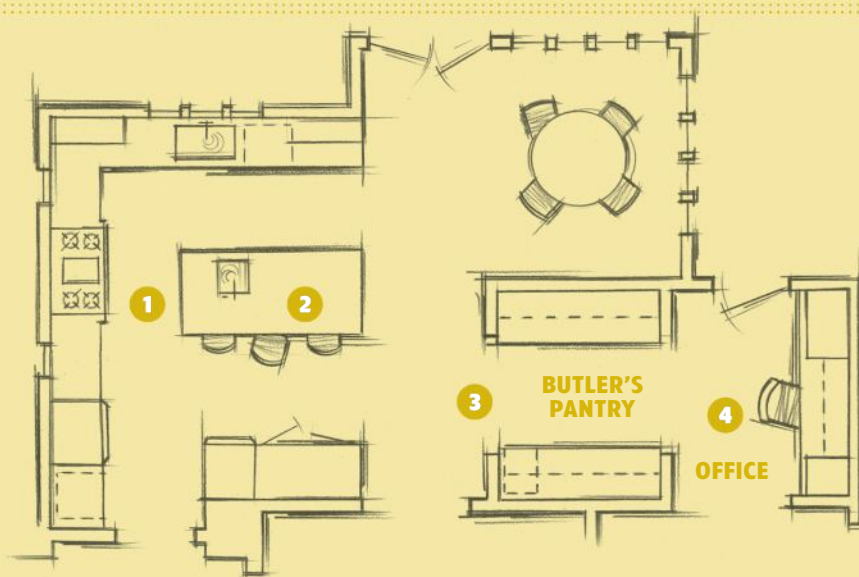


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in the zone

This kitchen addition seamlessly transitions into well-defined areas for cooking, eating, and studying.

1 cook

A range with double ovens, a wall oven, abundant counter space, and a built-in pantry make this area ideal for a homeowner who likes to cook.

2 gather

The island brings folks together. Guests enjoy comfortable seating, while the cook has plenty of room to use the sink, drawers, and prep area opposite.

3 entertain

The butler's pantry houses serving pieces, glassware, and other supplies. An icemaker, wine cooler, and sound system make hosting a cinch.

4 work

The office features a shared computer station and plenty of drawers for sorting parents' paperwork and kids' supplies for homework projects.

A butler's pantry, *opposite*, with refrigerator drawers, an icemaker, and a wine cooler facilitates easy entertaining. Because of its small size, finishes, like the diamond mesh on the upper cabinet fronts, can be more extravagant.

Drawers in the butler's pantry, *above, far left*, are dedicated to candles, linens, silver, and serving platters.

The sound system, *above left*, for the entire home is controlled from the cabinet in the butler's pantry. The other cabinets hold wineglasses and barware.

Office space, *above*, at the far end of the kitchen is a convenient place for working online or completing homework while staying connected to the main gathering space at the kitchen island.

solutions: islands

Tiny or expansive, simple or detailed, there's a hardworking island for every kitchen.



1 all-purpose station

Combine plentiful shelving and compact features, such as a small refrigerator, for a function-packed island. Display cookbooks and dishes, use the sink for prep, and stock the fridge with produce or wine.

2 tucked away

Gain counter space for serving or meal prep with a pullout island. This one blends in with cabinetry but can be rolled out when additional work surface is needed.

3 petite perfection

An island with a work surface no larger than a cutting board is perfect for displaying or chopping produce. Tuck a small appliance in an open compartment.

4 easy baking

For the passionate baker, a marble-top island is ideal to keep dough cool. A 30-inch-tall cart rolls out from the end, offering a lower surface to knead dough.



solutions: pantry details

These small tactics prove slight changes in storage make a world of difference.



1 inside story

Attach shallow spice rack-style shelving to the inside of cabinet doors. Stow drink mixes, juice boxes, vitamins, and other small items.

2 little library

Tuck a small collection of cookbooks or foodie publications into a sturdy magazine file and stow it near baking supplies for quick inspiration.

3 make a note

Unload groceries into categorized bins for quick snacks, baking, and meal prep. Label bins with paper tags and swap them out as your storage needs change.

4 easy access

Grouping related items, such as mixing bowls and baking supplies, is a surefire way to get the job done quickly.

TIME-SAVING TIPS

Affix corkboard squares inside cabinet doors for quick access to favorite family recipes, grocery lists, and a set of measuring spoons. Or tack up business cards, appointment reminders, and lunch money inside a cabinet near the entry.



solutions: glassware

Keep cups and other drinking essentials in reach with clever cabinetry updates.



1 see through

Modernize the pass-through between a kitchen and dining area by installing shelves to stack and hang stemware. The functional storage still allows a clear view.

2 come together

Maximize kitchen space by hanging mitered floating shelves in a corner, which adds more room without using brackets. Stock tableware according to use, with often-used glasses on the bottom and less-used pieces near the top.

3 high up

Affix decorative trim to floating shelves. A ¼-inch lip will prevent breakable items from sliding.

4 easy entertaining

Create a self-serve station for guests and kids with refrigerator drawers for beverages and after-school goodies. Open an upper cabinet and extend a pullout with coffee-making supplies; simply shut the cabinet when not in use.

**TIME-SAVING TIPS**

Help guests and family members quickly find what they're looking for by labeling drawer and door fronts. A discreet adhesive label gets the job done, or go all out with a coat of chalkboard paint to transform the entire cabinet into a rewritable surface.

products: what to buy

Give your kitchen a functional makeover when you deploy this collection of smart solutions.



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1 take the cake

Keep cookie cutters, icing tips, and other supplies tidy with this three-drawer organizer, complete with repositionable drawer dividers and removable labels (\$40). YouCopia; 888/973-9288; youcopia.com

2 protect & serve

These dishwasher-safe produce keepers function as colanders and collapse for compact storage. Available in two sizes, with adjustable air vents (starting at \$13). Storables; 866/227-0092; storables.com

3 party panache

Serve cheese, chips and dip, and appetizers all at once with this 10-piece set. A glass dome (not shown) keeps snacks fresh until guests arrive (\$40). Anchor Hocking; 740/681-6478; anchorhocking.com

4 cook's hook

Double up on organization with this sturdy metal rack. Stow cookbooks and mixing bowls above, then hang pots and utensils from hooks below (\$80). Enclume; 877/362-5863; enclume.com



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5 vinyl style

Available in dozens of colors, these laser-cut vinyl labels add functional flair to jars of baking ingredients, pasta, and other dry goods (starting at \$8 for five labels). Mason Rabbits Paperie; masonrabbitspaperie.etsy.com

6 compact clean

Corral soapy sponges with a suction cups ensure a sturdy hold, while a pop-out brush holder accommodates long handles (\$17). Simple Human; 877/988-7770; simplehuman.com

7 fresh start

Stale snacks, be gone! These airtight flip-top containers come in various sizes, including 22.8 cups to hold family-size cereal boxes (starting at \$7). Rubbermaid; 866/271-9249; rubbermaid.com

8 delicate division

Keep kitchen essentials orderly with adjustable drawer organizers. Reposition to secure plates, cookware, or even small appliances (starting at \$50/drawer). KraftMaid; 877/562-7744; kraftmaid.com



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living spaces

When you pull a chair to the table or kick up your feet on an ottoman, you want daily dramas to fade away. Discover the organizing strategies and simple solutions that take the fuss out of family together time.



the ultimate living space

One flowing space wears multiple hats as a kitchen, dining room, and family room.

Though light and bright, this once-ordinary builder-grade spec house encouraged clutter—not calm—because of a woeful lack of storage. That is, until a few smart changes transformed the main-level space into a multifunctional one-room wonder that easily accommodates dining, entertaining, relaxing, and cooking.

Key to the room's success is sophisticated storage, which not only subtly divides the space into clearly defined zones, but also stows items from a microwave to Monopoly with ease. White inset-panel cabinets unify the various areas for a clean, unified look. Within the built-ins, smart solutions, including pullout shelves and abundant baskets and bins, organize the stuff of daily life. Open shelves sprinkled throughout welcome artful display and provide opportunities to energize the room with juicy bits of color.

Custom carpentry yields several storage surprises. The toe-kick area below the kitchen cabinets conceals cookie sheets and baking pans, while a lift-up countertop near the door to the

garage stashes cell phones and keys. An ingenious banquette serves as a transition between the kitchen and dining area. Similarly, the wet bar doubles as a home for entertaining necessities and as a divider between cooking-related activities and relaxing.

While big-screen televisions sometimes pose decorating dilemmas, this one blends in between wall panels that neither highlight nor hide its presence. Even the upholstered furniture can be smartly stored, as in the case of two colorful ottomans parked beneath a clear coffee table; they add versatility, ready to be pulled out at a moment's notice by family members wanting to prop their feet up while enjoying a good book or to seat an unexpected extra guest.

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OPPOSITE: A slender slide-out alongside the wet bar between the dining and family rooms gathers pretty vases on shallow shelves. **THIS PHOTO:** The wet bar boasts a refrigerator and icemaker behind the panel that resembles a stack of drawers.



TIME-SAVING TIP

To see items clearly and impart a quick style upgrade, line the backs of dark cupboards or open shelves with light-color, subtly patterned wallpaper. If you're afraid of the commitment, try mounting scrapbook paper with removable adhesive strips.



Built-ins surrounding the fireplace, *opposite*, combine open shelves and doored sections for showing off prized pieces or masking less lovely ones.

A paneled wall treatment, *above left*, incorporates a flat-screen television into its gridded design. Tall built-ins flanking the wet bar supplement the storage needs of the family room, kitchen, and dining area. Flooring, cabinetry, and accent colors fuse the three spaces.

Coordinated boxes, *left*, stacked on adjustable-height shelves in a cabinet behind the sofa hold CDs, DVDs, art supplies, and photographs. Books and games are ready for family fun nights in deep, roll-out drawers below.

Rolling ottomans, *above*, stow beneath the coffee table to keep floor space clear for playing games. A tray tides reading materials.





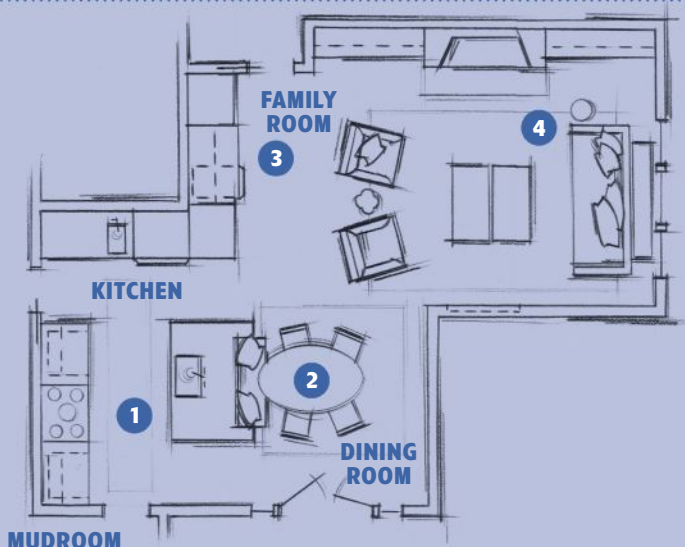


An innovative island, *opposite*, offers upholstered seating for casual dining and a deep sink for the cook. Panels on the sides pop open to provide shallow areas for placing platters.

A hinged portion of the mudroom counter, *left*, lifts to reveal a shallow compartment for tucking keys, coupons, and cell phones beside the garage entry.

A new mudroom, *right*, carved from extra space in the garage, smooths the family's comings and goings. Library books to be returned and letters to be mailed gather on the counter; shoes slip into the cubbies below.

An extra-low drawer, *below right*, optimizes the toe-kick space beneath the oven.



in the zone

Strategic furniture placement and clever built-ins distinguish specific areas within one large space.

1 cook

The kitchen is open to the dining and living areas, inviting the cook to interact with guests and take part in festivities—or answer homework questions.

2 dine

Custom banquette seating bordered by the kitchen island defines the casual dining area and links it to both the kitchen and the family room.

3 entertain

A built-in wet bar with a wine cooler and abundant glassware encourages guests to help themselves. The bar functions as an extra serving surface.

4 relax

Cozy seating is arranged around the family room fireplace, beckoning friends and family to read, watch television, and converse.

solutions: entertaining

Hosting a few friends or a full-blown soiree is a snap with these smart stations.



1 perfect partners

Pair a freestanding piece with wall shelves to inexpensively cover an entire wall with storage. Use trays for glassware rather than standard board shelves to facilitate serving.

2 lean libations

A plywood box secures a stack of PVC pipes, resulting in a wall-hugging wine rack that's accessible from either side.

3 write idea

Add casters to a small desk to fabricate a roll-anywhere serving cart. Fill the kneehole with shelves for bottles and large serving pieces, then stock the drawers with paper goods and utensils.

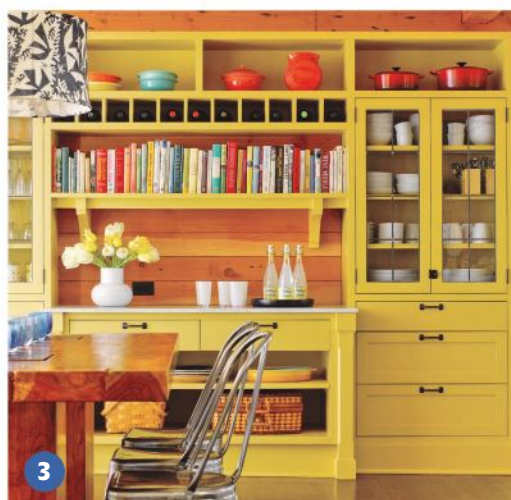
4 good-time cubbies

Dedicate each section of a bookcase to a single type of dishware, making it easy for guests to help themselves. Baskets keep barware, linens, and decorations from spilling out and onto the floor.



solutions: go high

If you're feeling cramped for display space, look up for opportunities to show off a few more books, dishes, or other treasures.



1 bordered in books

Frame a window on all sides with slim cases. Put a cushion on the bottom section to create a window seat.

2 fab four

A quartet of bookcases is stacked to give the appearance of nearly floor-to-ceiling built-ins. Be sure to secure tall and stacked pieces to the wall with anchors.

3 block by block

For a wall's worth of organization, begin with a dining buffet, flank it with matching china hutches, and unite the pieces with a bracketed shelf, horizontal wine rack, and row of display cubbies.

4 enter organization

Sacrifice a little square footage on both sides of a door to introduce storage towers with adjustable shelves. Stabilize the towers with a bridging shelf on top.



solutions: kid stuff

Designating turf for toys is child's play when you employ these innovative ideas.



1 picture-perfect

Photo labels clipped on canvas cubes indicate contents. With containers stowed inside a multicubby shelf, there's no confusion about what's inside each one.

2 wheel deal

Crates on casters let playtime happen anywhere—and they slide behind a sofa or under a table for a quick cleanup.

3 crystal clear

Books, art supplies, and small toys are easy to see inside clear acrylic magazine files. Label for each family member and institute a rule that everyone's personal items need to be put away at bedtime.

4 assess accessibility

Stash favorite toys in containers that accentuate visibility and easy transport. Skip shapeless bags and boxes with lids, and instead focus on buckets, clear bins, and durable baskets. Reserve drawers for infrequently used playthings.



TIME-SAVING TIP

Give kids a choice at cleanup time—and reinforce the importance of sorting—by letting them decide which category of toys they'll be responsible for. As you help them pick up the other items, point out how to determine where to store each item.

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products: what to buy

Bring order to shared spaces with smart add-ons that appeal to everyone in your family.



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1 colorful catchalls

Crafted from sturdy canvas, these soft-sided bins provide plenty of room for kids' books or toys. Fold down the sides for fun contrast (\$36). Land of Nod; 800/933-9904; landofnod.com

2 end result

These metal bookends make it easy to keep relaxation essentials—glasses, remotes, bookmarks, or a pen and notepad—close at hand (\$17 for two). Container Store; 888/266-8246; containerstore.com

3 media mogul

It might look vintage, but this TV cart is outfitted with all the modern amenities, including removable casters, an adjustable shelf, and a back opening for cords (\$399). West Elm; 888/922-4119; westelm.com

4 inside story

Stow footwear in style with this tufted storage ottoman. The removable interior divider organizes six pairs of shoes (\$188). Home Decorators Collection; 800/245-2217; homedecorators.com



5 got you pegged

Store a little or a lot with this easy-to-hang, expandable wall organizer. Nine hooks accommodate plenty of jackets and accessories (\$41). Umbra; 800/387-5122; umbra.com

6 chalk it up

Stow art supplies, cutlery, office essentials, and more in this bamboo caddy. Chalkboard panels on all sides make labeling contents fun (\$25). Great Useful Stuff; 800/341-9159; greatusefulstuff.com

7 wine & dine

Don't fret about a lack of built-in shelves. Fake it with these modular towers. This combo has special places for glasses, bottles, and display (\$548 per tower). Pottery Barn; 888/779-5176; potterybarn.com

8 wound up

Hide unsightly cords—and keep them neatly untangled—with this clever plug hub. Slide a power strip inside, then wrap cords around the three built-in anchors (\$25). Quirky; 866/578-4759; quirky.com



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personal spaces

Regardless of size or amenities, your bedroom and bath are your havens from life's hustle. Give these spaces the attention they deserve with organizing principles that simultaneously streamline and encourage serenity.



the ultimate master suite

Planning yields savvy storage throughout this new bedroom and bath.

A spacious master suite in a brand-new condominium might seem like an organizing dream, but considerable nuts-and-bolts planning was required to incorporate storage that functions well and lives up to this location's high-end style. For the cluster of personal rooms, the key to high-performance pampering was a combination of clever furniture, custom closet details, and well-planned cabinetry.

The serene bedroom takes a subtle approach to storage. A flip-top ottoman at the foot of the bed is an ideal spot for storing extra linens and slipping on shoes. Multidrawer bedside tables offer room to stash books, eyeglasses, and more, while a large dresser provides ample storage for clothes and divided top drawers for accessories. As a final flourish, the full-length wall mirror swings open to reveal a velvet-lined jewelry closet with custom spaces for bracelets, necklaces, rings, and earrings.

A pair of walk-in closets boast closet systems customized to match the homeowners' belongings. Open shelves hold

bulky sweaters as well as a bevy of labeled baskets and boxes for infrequently used items. Dividers and inserts stand purses upright on shelves and sort smaller items within drawers. Ample hanging space and a floor-to-ceiling shoe rack keep everything neat and make morning routines flow smoothly.

The elegant bathroom is designed for two with plenty of space to move around. A wall-to-wall vanity features double sinks and lots of counter space, with drawers and closed cabinets below. Adjacent to the vanity, a mirrored armoire-style cabinet holds towels and bathroom supplies. A ledge above the sinks is surprisingly hardworking, displaying perfume bottles and shaving supplies, while a small storage drawer tucked into a corner near one sink stashes makeup just where it's needed.

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OPPOSITE: Wood boxes with leather and inlay designs offer attractive storage atop the bedroom dresser. **THIS PHOTO:** A flip-top ottoman at the end of the bed provides accessible storage for blankets and throws, while nightstand drawers offer places to stash petite items.





An elegant full-length wall mirror, *left*, in the bedroom conceals a super organized jewelry closet.

Rows of see-through envelopes, *below*, display earrings in plain sight inside the custom jewelry closet, while hooks keep necklaces separated and tangle-free.

A professionally installed closet system, *opposite, top left*, utilizes drawers, shoe racks, hanging space, and shelves to customize one of two walk-in closets.

Linen-covered organizers, *opposite, top right*, separate small purses and wallets in closet drawers; clear acrylic utensil trays designed for the kitchen divide coiled belts.

Pot lid holders, *opposite, bottom left*, from the kitchen department keep clutches upright and easy to locate. Metal sweater dividers hold larger handbags in place.

A decorative bowl and a mini dress form, *opposite, bottom right*, show off jewelry in front of a mirror in the closet.







TIME-SAVING TIP

Assign ownership or specific responsibilities to each towel bar, drawer, and compartment. Shared items (perhaps floss or hand soap) can live in a common area, but personal items need separate drawers and containers.

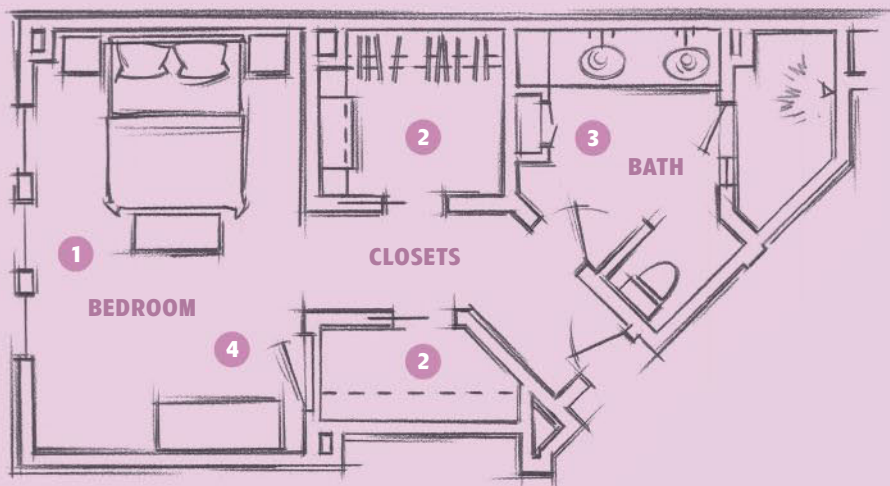


A double vanity, *opposite*, offers a multitude of hideaway storage options in the master bathroom.

A built-in armoire, *left*, boasts floor-to-ceiling shelves to hold everyday bath items, towels, and sheets.

Ceramic appetizer dishes, *right*, organize makeup supplies in this small but handy corner drawer. When it's time to clean, simply place in the dishwasher.

A 3-inch-deep ledge above the sink, *below right*, is clad in marble tile and keeps frequently used items, such as toothbrushes and cologne, within reach.



in the zone

Room by room, this master suite packs storage smarts into a spacious, stylish floor plan.

1 sleep

Functional furniture choices in the master bedroom keep clutter out of sight and lead to a peaceful night's sleep.

2 dress

Closet systems with shoe racks, built-in dressers, shelves, and hanging rods are customized to provide a specific spot for every garment.

3 groom

An armoire-style cabinet and a two-sink vanity offer numerous compartments for personal items. A ledge displays attractive toiletries.

4 refine

A jewelry closet in the bedroom takes no floor space yet provides extensive organization for earrings, bracelets, and necklaces.

the ultimate small closet

Clever bins, wall solutions, and color help this alcove live larger than its tiny footprint.

Who hasn't overstuffed a traditional reach-in closet? With its folding doors, single hanging rod, and underused top shelf, this basic storage space often becomes a dumping ground for clothing, shoes, and never-to-be-found accessories. Time for a fashion-forward makeover!

First to go in this closet were the folding doors, which hampered reaching into the closet's corners. In their place, stylish curtains were mounted high and wide on the outside wall so the entire closet can be visible. The panels look great open or closed and frame the alcove with a swish of soft pattern.

Rather than overloading the lone wooden rod with clothes, garments such as T-shirts, tanks, jeans, and sweaters are now folded and stacked in various containers. A trio of bins corrals off-season stuff on the overhead shelf. A small ready-to-assemble bookcase offers six cubbies for bins and baskets stocked with items such as sweaters and socks. The piece also introduces a surface for a mini dressing station. Whimsical cabinet knobs hold handbags aloft, while earrings and bracelets dangle from a jewelry tree. Wan white paint gives way to a bold color-blocking scheme that looks cool and reinforces a zone approach to garment storage.

Beneath hanging garments, floating shelves cradle several pairs of shoes and boots. Below, a salvaged wooden bin with casters keeps workout gear in one portable spot. The short inside wall is lined with 1-inch-thick molding to hook more shoes by their heels.

Removing bifold doors and replacing them with high-mounted curtains provides new possibilities for this classic 7×2-foot reach-in closet. New shelves for shoes, baskets and bins for folded clothes, and hooks for handbags provide places for a budding fashionista's favorite things.



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TIME-SAVING TIP

Blocks of painted color create distinct areas for various items. In this closet, out-of-season wear goes on the pale yellow upper shelf, hanging garments in the bold yellow block, handbags and accessories in the pink one, shoes in blue, and folded items in teal.

Colorful washi tape, *below*, rounds the necks of white hangers, denoting which ones are for sleeveless, short-sleeve, and long-sleeve shirts. Alternatively, you could coordinate the closet by color or season, using tape to classify.

Cup hooks, *right*, suspend belts by their buckles in a sliver of space on the closet's inside wall. A rubber-coated double hook catches scarves and totes.

Floating shelves, *opposite left*, just deep enough for shoes, utilize the wall underneath hanging clothes. Quilted inserts keep boots standing tall. Snugged beneath the shelves, a wood bin contains

exercise clothes, shoes, and ball caps. **A wide-mouth wire bin**, *opposite, top right*, stows surplus linens in a neat stack, out of the way on the top shelf. This zone is also handy for luggage and handbags.

A wire basket with cardboard dividers, *opposite, middle right*, organizes rolled socks, tights, and leggings. The bin slips into the bookcase with other clothing clusters.

Pieces of angled molding, *opposite, bottom right*, line the closet's side wall, creating shallow ledges where this shoe-lover can hang her high heels.





Stencil a stylish wall

See how to quickly apply the wall stencil featured in this closet. Visit BHG.com/Stencil for video how-to.







Hooks that resemble vintage doorknobs, *opposite left*, partner with wallpaper and decorative trim on the wall to the right of the closet opening. The resulting valet station organizes outfits and elevates clothing to art.

Cardboard price tags, *opposite, top right*, indicate the purpose of each hook at the valet station.

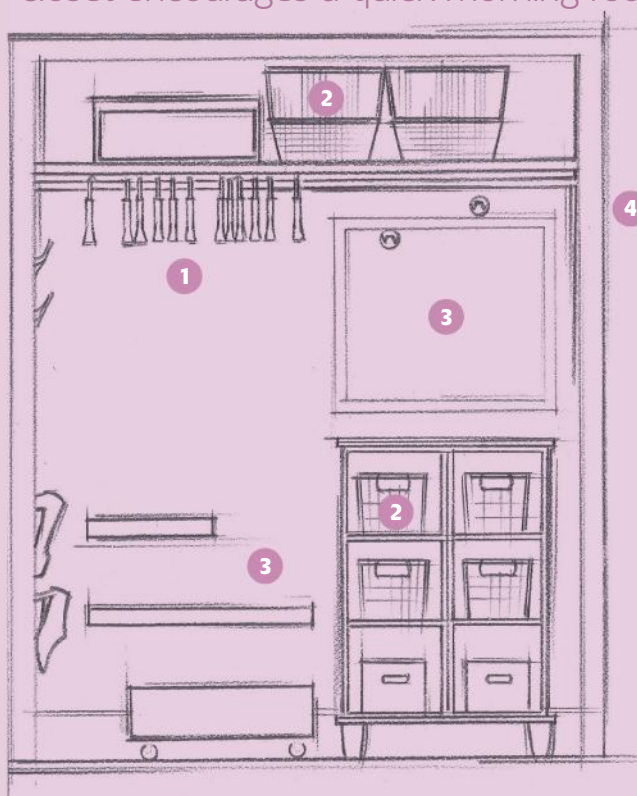
A canvas-covered box with cutout handles, *opposite, middle right*, rounds up supplies to care for shoes and clothes. Needle and thread, polish, and brushes in one spot mean it's easy to stitch on a button or buff some boots.

Handmade tags, *opposite, bottom right*, dangle from wire bins to reinforce organization. These simple labels were made by attaching strips of washi tape to cardstock and using a die-cut punch to produce shapely medallions.

A magnetic bar with hooks, *above left*, hung above the blue velvet chair displays photos and favorite finishing touches.

in the zone

Laid out for maximum visual impact, this petite closet encourages a quick morning routine.



1 hang

Cull through clothes so only dressy or bulky pieces are left hanging. Invest in matching high-quality hangers to standardize hanging height.

2 fold

Knits, such as T-shirts and tanks, and casual gear, such as jeans, are just fine folded. Separate by season, slip into a bin, or place on a shelf with dividers.

3 show

Highlight shoes and accessories by adding shelves and pretty hooks. Stagger to accommodate tall footwear and long accessories.

4 plan

Pulling tomorrow's outfit today and putting it on display takes the guesswork out of dressing. Just a sturdy hook or two can serve as a valet station.

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solutions: nightstands

Transform found furniture to create unconventional bedside storage.



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1 side by side

Mix and match similarly sized furniture pieces, such as a table and mini dresser. Display color-coordinating books and vases on open shelves, and tuck away nighttime essentials, including lotion and lip balm.

2 one, two, three

Stow bedroom basics and decorations on a three-shelf bookcase. Keep extra blankets on the lowest shelf, personal items at bed height, and collections above.

3 on a roll

Use wood screws to join stacked crates. Add a board to the top and bottom for extra stability, and attach casters to create a movable nightstand.

4 take a seat

Repurpose a vintage piece as a bedside table like this old school desk that supports a tray and modern lamp. Old stools or file cabinets are other nonbedroom pieces that make great nightstands.

TIME-SAVING TIP

Make busy mornings less stressful by including a small seat as part of your bedside setup. This former school desk offers convenient seating. Use the space as a dressing spot, a place to plan the day's outfit, or a perch to simply sit down and put on shoes.



solutions: closet details

Minor changes revamp small spaces and keep clothing essentials close at hand.



1 bright and tidy

Adhere a touch light to a wall or under a shelf for extra visibility in dark closet spaces. Canvas bins featuring reusable labels organize stacks of sweaters and jeans.

2 hand-picked

An over-the-door hook forms a valet station to plan tomorrow's outfit. Velvet hangers with built-in hooks safely hold clothing and accessories.

3 in plain view

Clear-front shoe containers are easy to stack and don't require labels. Get the right fit by looking for boxes sized for high heels or longer men's shoes.

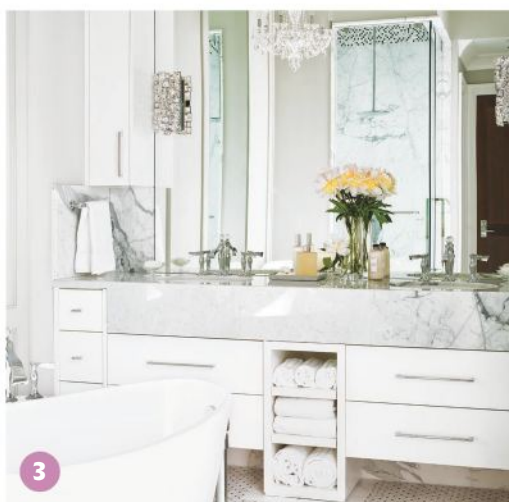
4 out of sight

Hang a canvas shoe organizer on the back of a closet door for often-worn flats, pumps, and sneakers. Attach adhesive hooks as needed for belts, necklaces, scarves, and wristlets.



solutions: vanities

Keep it convenient! Maximize nooks under the sink to stow frequently used products.



1 down under

Make use of room underneath a wall-mount sink by installing a floating shelf below plumbing. Tuck away folded towels or add baskets for small items.

2 in the open

Add function to an industrial console vanity by placing a small chest underneath. Hang a hand towel from the built-in bar to avoid installing a towel ring.

3 double deal

Store two bathers' personal items in a mix of wide and narrow drawers. Position rolled and folded towels in open shelving between the partner sinks for easy access.

4 reclaimed beauty

A repurposed dining buffet offers plenty of organization for wire baskets, stacks of linens, and glass containers. Mix daily-use toiletries, such as cotton balls, alongside sink-top decorations.

TIME-SAVING TIP

Get ready faster by replacing solid cabinet doors with glass-panel ones. No visual barriers means you can quickly locate items and eliminate time spent searching. Place small, clear containers around the awkward plumbing area to maximize space.



products: what to buy

Simplify your morning routine with savvy solutions that keep your bed, bath, and closet pristine.



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1 cord corral

Tangled cords are a problem of the past with this clever add-on. Cradle a blow-dryer on the hook, then wrap the cord and stow it in the bottom bin for easy retrieval (\$15). Oxo; 800/545-4411; oxo.com

2 storage squared

Available in enameled and galvanized steel, QBO cubes can be upgraded with doors, shelves, and dividers for a custom look (from \$17). Container Store; 888/266-8246; containerstore.com

3 bin there

Brighten your bath and inject color-coding with hot-hue Variera containers. Available in four colors, the 9½×6¾-inch plastic bins include cutout handles for easy transport (\$7). IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com

4 get a grip

Command bath storage products, including a range of hooks and bins, feature water-resistant yet removable strips that hold more than 7 pounds (from \$6). 3M Command; 800/934-7355; command.com



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5 neat nursery

Keep the small stuff sorted with a canvas closet system designed for wee ones. Reinforced shelves, net edges, and exterior pockets are sized for small garments (\$37). Munchkin; 800/344-2229; munchkin.com

6 boo-boo box

Stow first aid supplies in style with this box shaped like a medical cross. Four compartments hold plenty of bandages, gauze, tape, and other essentials (\$9). Organize; 800/600-9817; organize.com

7 sweet scent

These linen drawer liners freshen a dull dresser and protect clothing. Available in four colors and three scents: lavender, cedar, and rose (\$32). ElizabethW; 800/781-6126; elizabethw.com

8 glam up

Outfitted with a felt-lined tray for rings and earrings and 10 repositionable hooks for bracelets and necklaces, this jewelry rack holds and shows off all your treasures (\$28). Neatnix; 800/683-6328; neatnix.com



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work spaces

Even with little opportunity for decor, a smooth-running garage, laundry, basement, or mudroom is a thing of beauty. Deploy minor organizing upgrades in these areas and prepare to reap major rewards.



the ultimate garage

Clever organization fuels room for bikes, tools, sports equipment, and cars.

If your garage is driving you crazy, follow these road-tested ideas to transform it into a model of organization and efficiency. This refreshed garage shows how to fit it all—bikes and brooms, lawn care and ladders, skateboards and screwdrivers, plus a car or two—into one hardworking, good-looking space.

The owners of this garage first divided it into activity-specific zones dedicated to their interests. The active family decided to prioritize areas for biking, sports, fix-it projects, automotive care, gardening, and camping. Next, they took a thorough inventory of gear and got rid of duplicate, damaged, and unused items. They then shopped for organizing tools to accommodate the remaining items and available space.

The key solution for this garage is a versatile system of hooks, racks, and shelves. Most are affixed to do-it-yourself, wall-mount panels or easy-to-adjust channel strips. Selecting components from one manufacturer enables the owners to switch elements among various orders as storage needs evolve.

To maximize storage capabilities, the owners looked low, high, and very high for space. They devoted prime, eye-level real estate to regularly used tools and cleaning supplies. Infrequently used items such as off-season sports equipment and tents are now stowed on high shelves; toxic chemicals shifted to a lockable, parent-height cabinet. Otherwise-wasted ceiling space above the garage door was called into service for ladders and lumber.

Affordable storage accessories throughout the space help manage the details. Plastic caddies corral supplies by task, while specialty hooks and labels add a layer of function to blue-painted pegboard. Bins designated for each child feature clear panels, so it's simple to preview the contents.

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OPPOSITE: Conveniently located atop the bikes, a bracket-mounted shelf holds a quartet of labeled, see-through plastic tubs filled with extra bike parts. **THIS PHOTO:** Identified by name, tools hang from a pegboard wall so all helpers know where they belong. Cord managers wrap hoses and cords with tangle-free ease on a track mounted to the wall below the workbench.





TIME-SAVING TIP

Pegboard is a versatile choice for hassle-free tool storage, saving steps by displaying everyday tools where they're used. And it allows for one-handed retrieval when arms are loaded with other project components.



A rolling tool chest, *opposite*, beside the workbench makes transporting tools easy. The garage entertains, too, courtesy of a wall-mount television and speakers resting atop the cabinets.

An armoire-style cabinet, *above left*, sequesters cleaning and automotive supplies behind metal doors.

Stackable recycling bins, *top*, encourage everyone to appropriately clean up and dispose of waste.

A plastic bin, *above*, groups window cleaners and resides in a cabinet with other supplies grouped by function—automotive, shop bench, and garden. Each is tagged for quick identification.

A chalkboard label, *left*, marks tool placement on the pegboard.





Mesh bins, *opposite above*, gather balls and other small items at kid level. A sturdy brace elevates a plastic tote filled with off-season boots; it's accessible with the aid of a collapsible step stool.

Angled wire shelves, *opposite, below left*, keep bike shoes (and dirt) outside the home and off the garage floor.

Heavy-duty clamps, *opposite, below right*, store bikes off the floor. A quick-release mechanism lets riders get on the road in one fluid motion.

Specialized hooks, *above*, cradle pogo sticks, tennis rackets, scooters, skateboards, and other good-time gear.

Vinyl floor tiles, *above right*, affixed to the wall minimize marring from muddy bicycle tires.

Bins with clear drop-down panels, *right*, give each child a spot to stash favorite toys and treasures.





A tool strip mounted near the garage's side exit, *above*, places a leaf blower, weed trimmer, and various digging tools in tidy configuration. A freestanding metal rack helps kids keep their bikes off the ground and doesn't require any heavy lifting.

A locked plastic cabinet, *top right*, rests on a higher shelf out of kids' reach and houses gasoline, garden fertilizer, and other adult-only supplies.



Stacking plastic totes, *above*, provide mess-free storage for bulk yard supplies, such as potting soil, birdseed, and mulch.

Ceiling-mount brackets, *left*, are an ingenious method of storing ladders or lumber in the usually wasted space above the garage door.

A canvas trunk organizer in the car, *opposite*, features three color-coded bags that can be filled with soccer supplies, swimming gear, or goodies for a picnic.





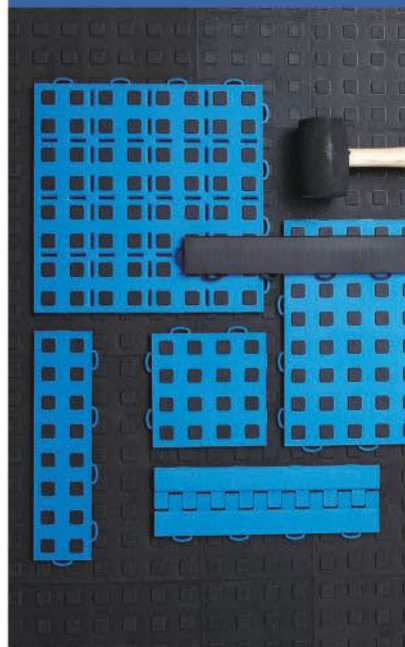
GET FLOORED

Snap-in-place rubber flooring from WeatherTech gave this garage its slip-free surface. Rubber tiles are also ideal in laundries, mudrooms, basements, and exercise rooms.

Online tools helped these homeowners choose from 25 colors of tile in six sizes to create an interlocking mat perfectly sized for their garage.

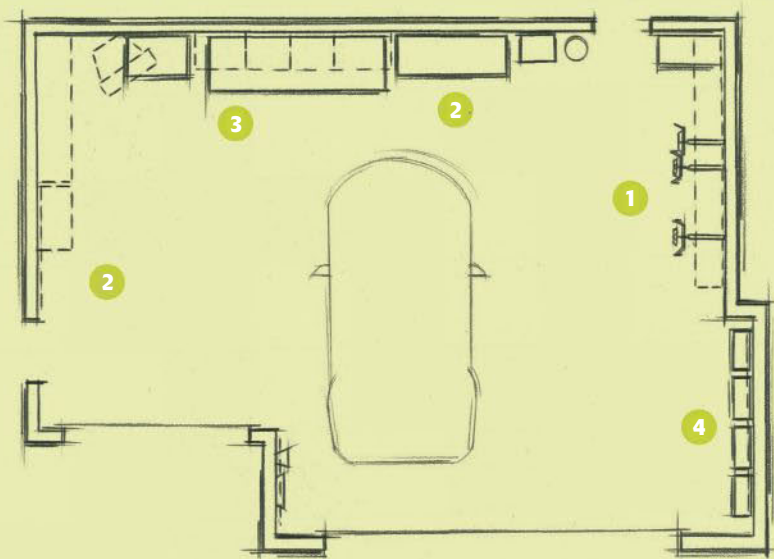
Specialty tiles and edges were added to allow for drainage and to gently transition between bare concrete and tiled areas.

A rubber mallet and knee pads are the main tools required to install the flooring yourself.



special thanks to

DeltaCycle, Lowe's, Park Tools, Rubbermaid, WeatherTech



in the zone

Organizing tools segment this hardworking space and ensure easy access to oft-used items.

1 ride

Wall-hung bicycle storage and a freestanding rack prevent bikes from toppling into parked cars. Extra bike gear is stashed in nearby bins.

2 maintain

Household cleaning supplies line up on shelves behind cabinet doors, minimizing fumes in the garage. Yard tools are steps away from the garden.

3 fix

A rolling toolbox stands alongside a project-ready workbench. Often-used tools are secured on pegboard for grab-and-go convenience.

4 play

Balls and other playthings pile into wall-hung storage bins so kids can easily reach and return items. Rackets and riding toys hang from hooks.



the ultimate mudroom

Reshaping space for closets, benches, and a pantry speeds up coming and going.

The charm of an older home, with lavish woodwork and character-laden nooks, woos and wins the heart of many a home buyer. But dismal storage can put a damper on the love affair. Fortunately, smart built-in storage, artfully added decades later, can rekindle the romance.

Revamping the interiors of this 1920s home yielded a customized, highly organized mudroom so beautiful it rises above its humble name. Conceived as a sort of dressing room and outdoor prep space for the whole family, which includes two young boys and a dog, the space packs outerwear, sports equipment, off-season clothing, backpacks, pet-care supplies, and the entire household's shoes within a minimal footprint.

Stepping through the back door brings you to a hall-style room with storage at every turn. Two niches on the right beckon kids and visitors to have a seat while taking off shoes or boots and to leave behind their jackets and bags on pegs. Labeled wood bins above each bench hold clusters of grab-and-go

supplies that the whole family uses. On the opposite wall, two closets replicate the scale of the niches. Frosted-glass doors shield less-attractive contents, such as bulky coats, strollers, and sporting gear, from view. A few steps farther stands an open shoe closet loaded with the family's footwear, as well as a trio of additional closets for off-season clothing, travel supplies, and even picnic and camping gear.

A butler's pantry unfurls as you head toward the garage. Here, an extra freezer, wine refrigerator, and walk-in pantry hold items bought in bulk. A coffee station and sink near the garage door send off the homeowners fully caffeinated and hydrated. With a place for everything, both home and family can live happily ever after.

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THIS PHOTO: Niches include pegs for jackets, umbrellas, and backpacks when kids and adults arrive home. **OPPOSITE:** Wooden boxes with cutout handles march like soldiers across the shelf of each niche, dutifully rounding up sunscreen, bug repellent, bandages, flashlights, and other must-haves for a family with active children.

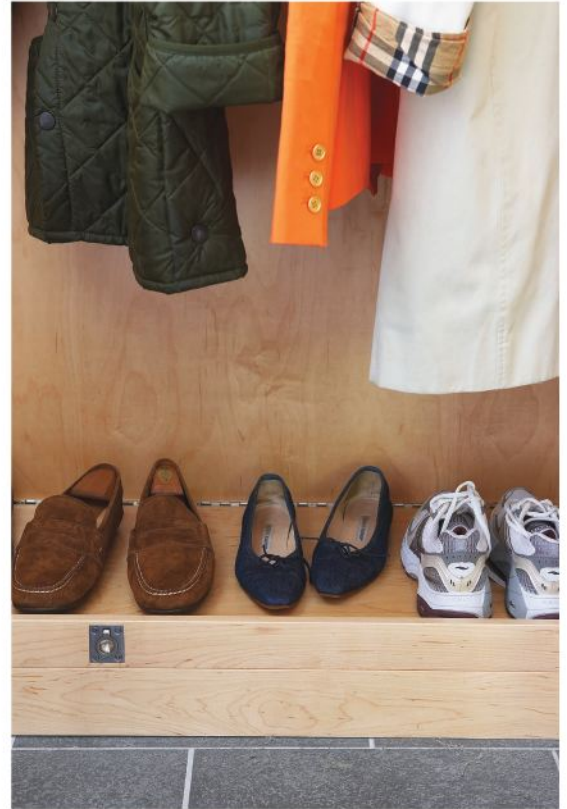




Centralizing storage for seasonal clothes, sports gear, and shoes means clutter doesn't intrude into the rest of the house.

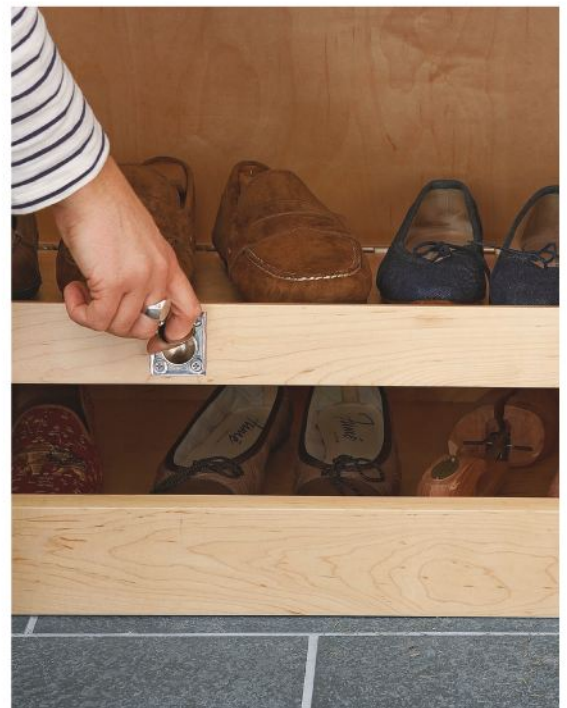


A door-free closet, *opposite*, organizes shoes for the family of four. (Taking off shoes upon entering the house is a longtime tradition for this crew.) Tilted shelves stretch floor to ceiling, so every pair is easy to see. Parents use the upper shelves, and kids the lower ones. Muddy or dirty shoes go on the bottom shelf, where a metal liner catches debris and can be removed and rinsed.

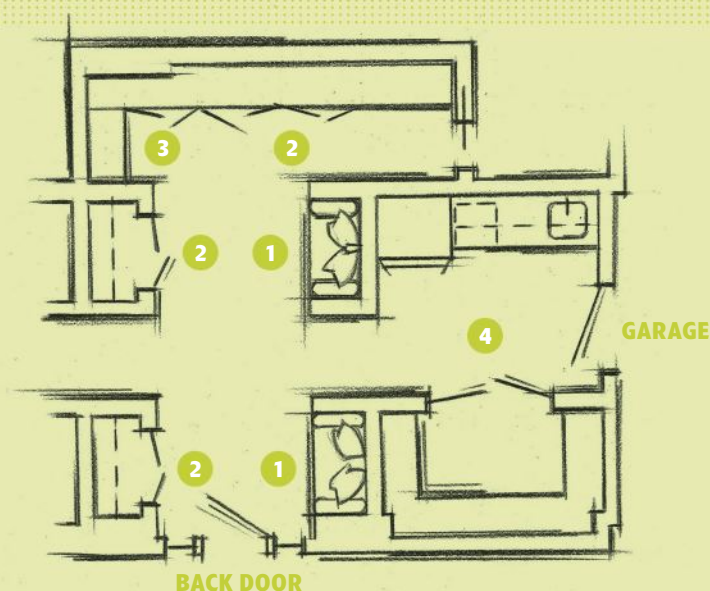


A floor-level drawer in this niche, *above*, holds purses and accessories that can be called into service at a moment's notice. Wood dividers refine the vast drawer space, designating zones for specific family members or seasons. A hardy imitation suede cushion is designed to withstand use and abuse while adding a touch of blue to match the palette of the house.

The bottom of all five wood-lined closets feature double-decker shoe storage, *above right*. The top shelf lifts to reveal a second layer of space for shoes and shoe-care accessories, *right*.







in the zone

Logically laid out, this family-friendly entry maintains order with solutions that target specific gear.

1 hang

Lining the matching niches with peg-style hooks signals family and friends to keep things tidy by hanging their coats, umbrellas, and bags.

2 hide

Five closets bring out-of-sight order to less lovely gear. Frosted-glass inserts and acrylic hardware lighten the look of the many doors.

3 shelf

Shoes and sandals stay organized when standing on shallow shelves in an open closet dedicated favorite footwear.

4 stock

A walk-in pantry, a freezer, and a run of cabinets ensure that a busy family has a well-organized reserve of food, beverages, and other supplies.

A kitchenette in the butler's pantry, *opposite*, stashes overflow from the main kitchen in an additional freezer and a wine fridge. Slate-look tiles—they're actually low-maintenance porcelain—stand up to wear and tear and stretch throughout the mudroom.

The bulk goods pantry, *above left*, is wrapped in shelves to hold cleaning supplies, paper goods, lightbulbs, and planting tools. It's not meant to stash cooking ingredients—there's another pantry closer to the kitchen for that—but rather nonfood items purchased at warehouse clubs.

The sink area with a pullout sprayer, *above*, can be called into service as a potting/cleanup station for the herb garden just steps beyond the back door. A sliver of countertop to the left lets the homeowners brew coffee in the morning to grab on their way to the garage.

solutions: creativity zones

Clever arrangements make work areas perfect for pursuing passions.



1 built up

Combine two mini storage towers with pullout bins and a painted board to form a counter-height desk. Organize small accessories in shoe dividers set on top.

2 on stage

Create a display or inspiration station with cork, clips, and wire. Cut cork to size and attach basic binder clips before hanging from a board with pieces of picture wire.

3 it's a wrap

Build a gift-wrap nook with simple upgrades. Thread dowels or tension rods through wrapping paper and ribbon rolls and suspend within a cabinet box.

4 open organization

Turn two bookcases into a snack bar and office by topping them with butcher block. Place less-used items toward the back and often-needed ones in the front.



solutions: one-wall mudrooms

Revamp a single surface to catch clutter and provide storage for an entire family.



1 still entertaining

Rework a media cabinet as a landing spot by removing doors to make a large section for coats and bags. Fill side shelves with bins for scarves and other outdoor gear.

2 fresh redo

A wall-mount sink between two locker-style compartments serves as a wash station on a 5-foot-wide stretch of wall. A wall built out just 2 inches behind the sink masks the new plumbing.

3 simple addition

Transform a wall into a mini entryway by installing a section of paneled wainscoting and a boot tray on the floor. Center a hook on each panel. Wide trim on top hosts keys and sunglasses.

4 personalized setup

Shift shelves in a big bookcase to make larger areas for coats and boots and tighter spaces for flats and accessories.

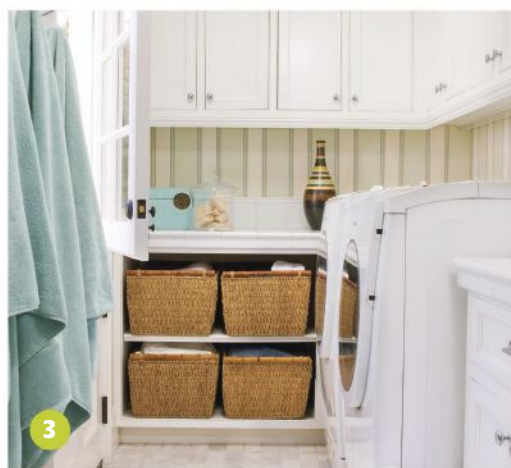
TIME-SAVING TIP

Assign a number to each family member and purchase decorative items with preprinted numbers, such as hooks, mugs, boxes, and bags, to bring order to your home—no additional labeling required.



solutions: laundry

Everyone has a role in getting clothing clean. Try these tips for any size of utility room.



1 divide and conquer

Hang a mesh bag for each family member wherever dirty laundry gathers. Group socks for washing and drying to prevent mix-ups and eliminate time spent matching. Fasten a laminated paper listing house laundry rules from a pants hanger.

2 out of sight

Mount a drop-down ironing board in a tiny laundry room or closet. Simply open the door, fold down the board, and start pressing your clothes.

3 sorted shelves

Detach cabinet doors to open up room for laundry bins. Fold clothes on the counter above before placing garments in bins so they can be taken out and put away.

4 side by side

Separate your washer and dryer with a narrow base cabinet or a rolling cart to hold stain removers and dryer sheets.





Tackle the tough stuff

Visit BHG.com/SolveStains for personalized advice on how to combat more than 1,000 of the worst stains.

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products: what to buy

Turn your work space into a go-to spot for productivity with these clever buyables.



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1 in the bag

Trips to the market are stress-free with this do-it-all tote. Interior pockets and loops protect delicate produce and glassware, while outer slots hold a wallet and keys (\$25). Quirky; 866/578-4759; quirky.com

2 ordered entry

Combine DIY laminate shelving, cubicle components, and a bench to maximize an entry area. Add hooks and bins to customize the look (\$390 as shown). ClosetMaid; 800/874-0008; closetmaid.com

3 squeeze play

Transform wasted attic space with these precut, easy-to-assemble shelves. Each installs in minutes under eaves and can hold up to 50 pounds (\$45 for a set of two shelves). AtticMaxx; 855/766-3855; atticmaxx.com

4 old school

Gather supplies in steel mesh desktop containers. The Industria line includes a pencil cup, letter bin, paper tray, and magazine file (starting at \$8). See Jane Work; 877/400-5263; seejanework.com



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5 space saver

Free up closet floor space with this hanging footwear organizer. The dual-shelf Shoester can be raised or lowered to accommodate hanging garments (\$30). Umbra; 800/387-5122; umbra.com

6 eco-chic study

The Design Workshop collection features handcrafted oak shelves, drawers, and cabinets on forged steel runners (systems starting at \$3,400). West Elm; 888/922-4119; westelm.com

7 filing fiend

Keep schoolwork organized in this acrylic file kit, which includes 16 hanging folders, tabs, note cards, and college prep advice (\$58). The Alpha-Omega collection; 704/881-4287; kcstreamlineconcepts.com

8 nothing but net

Corral sports equipment, pool toys, or laundry in this mesh bag. Compatible with the Elfa track system, it can also be mounted to a wall stud (\$30). Container Store; 888/266-8246; containerstore.com

closet systems

REFERENCE GUIDE

One system does not fit all when it comes to closets. This info on manufacturers and product lines will help you plan your closet makeover, whatever your budget.

COMPANY	PRODUCT LINES/MATERIALS	PRICE	HOW TO FIND	CONTACT
CALIFORNIA CLOSETS 	Multiple product lines and finishes, including the Lago finishes inspired by Italian wood veneers. Design options and product line availability vary by location.	Closet systems begin at \$500; typical systems cost \$1,500–\$5,000 installed.	Approximately 100 franchise locations worldwide.	888/336-9707; californiaclosets.com
CLOSET FACTORY 	Custom-designed closet systems: engineered wood with melamine or solid-wood veneers in many colors and wood finishes.	8-foot reach-in closet starts at \$400.	82 franchise locations worldwide.	800/634-9000; closetfactory.com
CLOSETS BY DESIGN 	Three product lines at varying price points: Everyday, Classic, and Regency collections. Large selection of colors and wood-grain finishes, accessories, and molding packages. Systems are custom-built to fit any need, space, and taste.	Installed custom closet starts at \$300.	Locations nationwide.	888/500-9215; closetsbydesign.com
CLOSETMAID 	ShelfTrack wire shelving and easy-to-install vertical standards combine with snap-in-place brackets, bars, and shelves. Choose a preassembled all-in-one organizer kit or create a custom design from open stock.	8-foot reach-in closet: about \$130.	Sold at retailers nationwide.	800/874-0008; closetmaid.com
THE CONTAINER STORE 	Two customizable modular shelving and drawer systems: Elfa and Elfa Décor. Elfa: steel-wire components in two finishes, plastic drawer liners, and melamine shelves and drawers. Elfa Décor: epoxy-steel mounting elements and components in an array of wood and wood-veneer finishes.	\$250–\$4,000 depending on customizations.	Sold online and through 57 stores nationwide; free design service in stores, by phone, and online.	888/266-8246; containerstore.com
EASY TRACK/ORG 	Easy Track: custom do-it-yourself closet kits with easy installation. Available in Truffle, Cherry, and White. ORG: personalized storage solutions for all spaces and styles. Professionally designed and installed by local dealers. Available in 22 colors and eight veneer options.	Easy Track kit starts at \$150; ORG 8-foot reach-in closet starts at \$600.	Easy Track sold at retail stores, home centers, and online; ORG available through authorized dealers.	800/562-4257; easytrack.com , homeorg.com

 **Shop for closet components**
Start planning and shopping for closet systems. Our complete closet system chart at BHG.com/NewCloset shows how.

COMPANY	PRODUCT LINES/MATERIALS	PRICE	HOW TO FIND	CONTACT
EASYCLOSETS.COM 	High-end DIY custom organizers ship directly to customers. Easy to afford, design online, and install. Guaranteed systems made from ¾-inch high-density particleboard with durable melamine coating in seven colors and seven hardware finishes. Upgrades and accessories optional.	8-foot reach-in closet: \$400–\$2,000; typical walk-in closet: \$800–\$3,000; priced by design.	Sold exclusively online; design online or use free design service. Customer services by phone.	800/910-0129; easyclosets.com
JOHN LOUIS HOME 	Made of solid wood, the do-it-yourself closet organizers come with everything in one box. Multiple organizer depths, finishes, and configuration options, and plenty of accessory add-ons available.	6- to 10-foot reach-in closet: \$250; 6- to 10-foot walk-in closet: \$500–\$850 based on add-ons.	Sold online at retailers and through specialty stores, home centers, and authorized dealers.	800/480-6985; johnlouishome.com
POLIFORM USA 	Senzafine wardrobe and walk-in closet: modular components custom-designed to fit any space. Wardrobe options available with leaf, folding, or sliding doors with finishes including matte and glossy lacquer, wood veneer, laminate, glass, and mirror.	Wardrobe pricing available upon request.	Available through corporate showrooms and dealers nationwide.	888/765-4367; poliformusa.com
RUBBERMAID 	The adjustable Closet Helper 2-Shelf, 4-Shelf, and Max Add-On kits install without tools. Metal with durable white finish. Fabric cubby accessories available. HomeFree series is rubber-coated wire with optional baskets, drawers, and cubbies.	Closet Helper and Max Add-On: \$40–\$90; HomeFree kit: about \$100.	Available online. Closet Helper and Max Add-On are at Target and Kmart stores. HomeFree is at Lowe's.	888/895-2110; rubbermaid.com
SCHULTE STORAGE 	FreedomRail adjustable storage systems with O-Boxes, shelving, and accessories. Cherry, Maple, Chocolate Pear, White, Driftwood Live, and Light Oak real-wood veneers, and white or nickel ventilated shelving. Strong, versatile, and easy to install.	8-foot reach-in closet: \$400–\$1,000.	Available online.	513/277-3700; freedomrail.com
STUDIO BECKER 	The Ultimate Wardrobe System: custom-made with engineered-wood core and solid-wood veneer. Standard and custom finishes available. Accessories include jewelry inserts, hidden electronic safes, shoe storage solutions, pants racks, and cosmetics refrigerators.	Starting at \$800 per linear foot.	Sold through authorized dealers and showrooms worldwide.	510/865-1616; studiobecker.com
WOODTRAC 	WoodTrac closets are available in three finishes with adjustable drawers, doors, and shelves. Preconfigured towers come in three widths and mount to the wall or floor. Made from ¾-inch furniture-grade particleboard and medium-density fiberboard; backed by a limited lifetime warranty.	18-inch-wide towers start at \$210/unit.	Available online and through authorized local dealers.	855/854-7465; woodtrac.com

installing closet systems

Follow these steps to plan, purchase, and hang all the elements of a closet makeover.

Writer **Chelsea Evers** Photographer **Adam Albright**
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Making over your closet can seem daunting, but with good planning and the proper tools, you can install a wire closet system yourself in as little as an afternoon. Online design tools, user-friendly hardware systems, and simple step-by-step instructions and videos help you quickly choose and build your dream closet. Many closet systems featured on *pages 110–111* also offer free expert assistance in troubleshooting online or via phone.

To prepare your space for installing wire shelving, first remove all clothing, shoes, and other stored items. Take inventory of the clothing you need to store, noting what you'd like to fold, hang, and store in drawers. "Planning Makes Perfect" on *page 113* offers more tips. Next, remove existing closet components, patch walls, and paint.

When your closet is clear and clean, consider upgrading lighting with LED bulbs or a new ceiling fixture. You might also want to replace sliding doors with bifold doors, pocket doors, or curtains, which increase access to the closet.

Essential tools to install most wire closet components include a carpenter's level, cordless drill, screwdriver, tape measure, rubber mallet, and ladder or step stool. Depending on your system, you might also need a stud finder, bolt cutter, or hacksaw.

RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 115.

 **Install a closet system this weekend**

Visit BHG.com/ClosetInstall for everything you need to know before installing closet components.

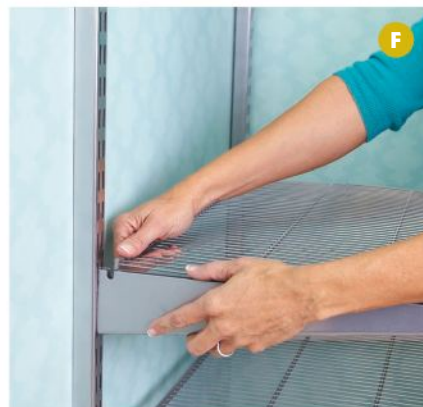
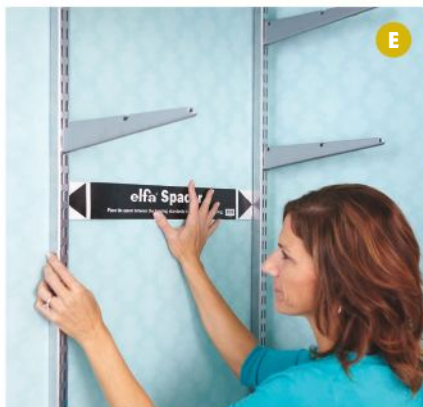
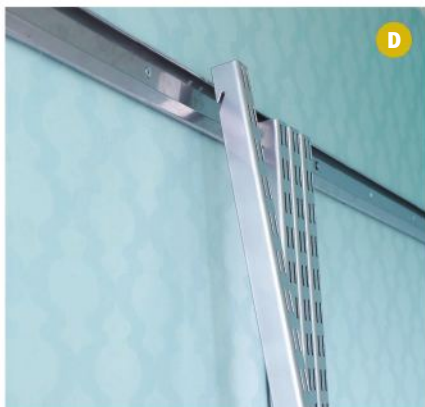
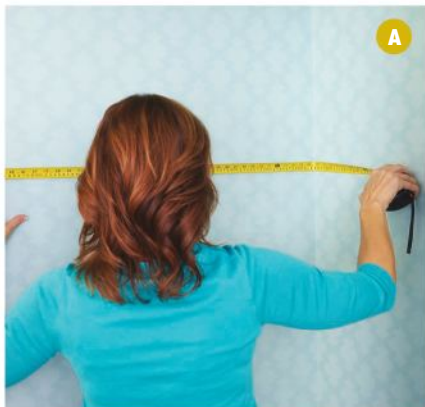


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PLANNING MAKES PERFECT

To purchase the right types and quantity of closet components, do your homework first.

- **Take inventory.** To know what you need, you need to know what you have. After identifying items to discard or donate, make an itemized list of everything that needs to reside in a closet. Then you can determine how much space you need for short and long hanging items, and whether you need drawers or shelves or both.
- **Do the math.** Plan your hanging storage around the lengths of your clothes. Use these vertical measurements as a guide.
Women's shirts: 36–40 inches long
Men's blazers and shirts; women's skirts: 38–42 inches long
Women's long dresses and coats: 60–70 inches long
Women's cocktail dresses and pants hung by cuffs: 48–50 inches long
Pants folded over hanger: 20–25 inches long
- **Plan for various-height shoes.** There's no one-size-fits-all solution for shoes with tall heels or boots. Measure shoe heights when assessing your needs.
- **Allow for new acquisitions.** "One in, one out" is the ideal when it comes to adding clothes to your closet, but cut yourself some slack and purchase components that will accommodate 10–20 percent growth over time.
- **Consider relocation.** Stash awkward, infrequently worn garments in alternative spots. Move a robe to a back-of-door hook, a formal gown to a coat closet, or hats to underbed storage rather than sacrificing space for everyday items like shirts and pants.



STEP 1

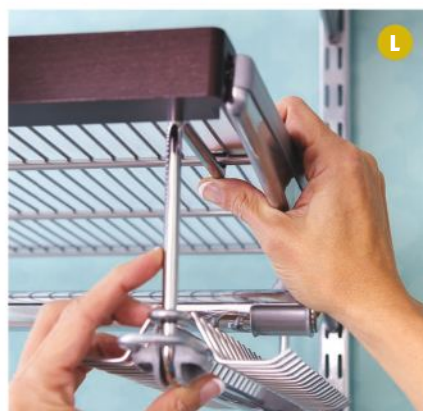
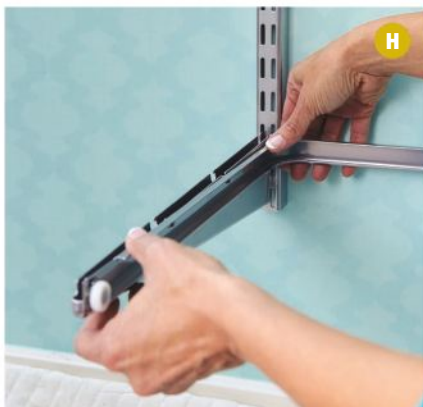
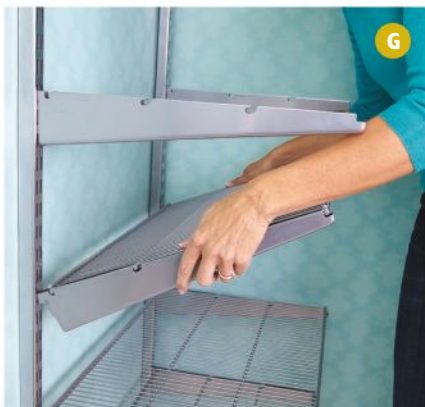
Start by measuring your closet (A). Write down all relevant dimensions, including door swing and light placement. Use online design tools or grid paper to plan the design of your new closet, and purchase the necessary components. Before you begin installing, hang the layout nearby your closet for reference (B). Unwrap all materials and organize them nearby.

STEP 2

Using a level, place the top track or rack (C). Use wall anchors for any screws that don't line up with studs. Hang the track or rack using a drill and screwdriver. Next, hang vertical standards from the top bracket (D). Standards in some systems require additional mounting hardware; this one does not. Group standards together to easily insert shelf brackets at the same level.

STEP 3

After brackets are inserted, slide standards to their approximate position on the track, using a provided spacer or a tape measure (E). Begin installing shelves from lowest to highest. Install shallower and shorter shelves first, then longer and deeper ones next. You should hear and feel shelves lock into place (F).



STEP 4

Double-check for adequate clearance between shelves. To adjust shelves, start from the bottom, repositioning them for adequate clearance as you go higher (G). Add liners to shelves that will hold folded clothing.

STEP 5

Add specialty features like drawers, baskets, and bins. For drawers, affix the lowest glide mechanism first (H). Then follow manufacturer instructions for bins and racks. Insert the basket frame and drop in baskets (I).

STEP 6

Follow manufacturer instructions for capping shelves with protective end pieces (J). Install clothing rods, adding support for rods that span longer than 36 inches (K). Add finishing touches such as belt, tie, and shoe racks according to instructions (L).

GOOD TO KNOW

A variety of retailers and manufacturers sell wire shelving and have system-specific recommendations. However, the following tips are useful regardless of where you purchase your system:

- **Keep it safe.** Before installing shelves, check with an electrician and plumber to be sure you won't be drilling into electrical wires, ductwork, or plumbing components.
- **Cover up.** If your closet has tile or wood floors, layer with a nonskid drop cloth to prevent damage and slipping.
- **Find a friend.** For safety and convenience, work with a partner to install long shelves and to hold your step stool when in use.
- **Buy extra pieces.** If your plans change, you have parts on hand. If not, you can easily return them.
- **Assess your needs.** Most closet systems use closet-gauge wire shelving, but heavier-duty garage systems are also available. Unless you're storing sports equipment or other particularly heavy items, a closet-gauge system will generally fill the bill.
- **Make the cut.** If your local hardware store won't cut your shelving to size for a nominal fee, you can use a hacksaw outfitted with a metal-cutting blade. Consider investing in a bolt cutter for safer, cleaner cuts.
- **Cut it short.** When trimming shelves, cut a half-inch shorter than the space they'll occupy. This prevents scratched walls and makes it easier to fit shelves into wall brackets.
- **Make it secure.** Don't skimp on the wall clips and angled support brackets. Position about 50 percent of support brackets to hit studs, but realize that wall clips don't need to go into studs.

resources

MANY OF THE PRODUCTS SHOWN IN *STORAGE*™ CAN BE OBTAINED LOCALLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SOURCES LISTED IN THIS SECTION. ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED, BUT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS.

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Wall paint Grand Hotel #5007-9A, **paint in back of cabinet** Sweet Melon #1008-1B, **paint for jars and tray** Pink Burst #1003-1A—The Valspar Corp.; 800/845-9061; valspar.com [P]. **Cabinet paint** Creamy SW7012—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Vanity** Hemnes/Rattvikken; **storage box with lid** Kvarnvik—IKEA, United States: 888/434-4532; Canada: 866/866-4532; ikea.com. **Hardware for refinished hutch and pull used as towel rack on vanity** Sentinel pulls and knobs in satin brass—Atlas Homewares; 800/799-6755; atlashomewares.com. **Faucet** Purist in Vibrant Moderne Brushed Gold #K-14402-4A-BGD—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. **Floors** Hampton Tumbled 2-inch hexagon tile—Tile Shop; 888/398-6595; tileshop.com. **Bins** Linus, **large whitewashed tapered wood tray** #10060263—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. **Ribbon canvas totes, all-purpose bottles, soap dish** Lotus—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies). **Votive holders** Skye, India, and Dinah in coral—The MacBeth Collection; 877/227-0401; themacbethcollection.com. **Bamboo bath tray**—World Market; 800/267-8758; worldmarket.com (product line varies). **Hand towels and napkins** in Coral Bloc, Coral Fence, and Coral Wave—Pehr; pehrdesigns.com for a retailer near you. **Rug** Anna Brita rug in aqua—Scandinavian Design Center; scandinaviandesigncenter.com. **Labels** The Not Whiteboard in Graphite—Blik; whatisblik.com. **Mirror frame embellishment** Xandra appliqué—O'verlays; myoverlays.com. **Sconces** Soho sconces in antique brass—Shades of Light; 800/262-6612; shadesoflight.com. **Ribbon trim on sconces** double-faced satin in aquamarine—Midori, Inc.; 800/659-3049;

midoriribbon.com. **Window fabric** Diamond Embroidery Sheer and white towels from the Better Homes and Gardens Collection®—Walmart; walmart.com. **Gold bench with white top** Dorm Room side table, painted gold after purchase—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies).

Storage Doctor: Dressed in a Flash

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Organizer: Kathy Jenkins, Certified Professional Organizer and Certified Family Manager Coach, Come to Order; 804/550-9428; cometoorderva.com. **Closet system canvas bins, adjustable shelves, divided cube, and hanging rods** from the HomeFree series closet system—Rubbermaid; 866/271-9249; rubbermaid.com. **Wallpaper** Giacomo #CM2376 from the Dolce Vita collection—York Wallcoverings; 717/846-4456; yorkwall.com. **Draperies** Finnia curtain panel in Multi, 96-inches—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Plastic hamper, plum sheets, teal blanket**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies). **Teal bins, bed pillows**—Bed Bath & Beyond; 800/462-3966; bedbathandbeyond.com (product line varies). **Rug** Spectrum in Clover—Company C, Inc.; 800/818-8288; companyc.com. **Peg hook**—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Tote** turquoise rope kids' baby boat tote—Hable Construction, Inc., New York City; 817/422-5313; hableconstruction.com. **Child-size hangers** Real Simple Slimline children's hangers, **drawer dividers**—Bed Bath & Beyond; 800/462-3966; bedbathandbeyond.com (product line varies). **All children's clothing in closet**—Garnet Hill; 800/870-3513; garnethill.com. **Clothes on hook, lamp, clock, socks, underwear, green plastic woven basket, plastic underbed bins, dry-erase labels**—Target; target.com. **Hamper** Basketball Bongo hamper from the Bongo Buddy collection—Redmon Co., Peru, Indiana; 765/473-6683; redmonusa.com. **Labels** StikEez white four-pack dresser drawer visual labels—Amazon.com; amazon.com, search: StikEez.

Fast & Easy Fixes: Small Order

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Wall paint Solaria SW6688—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Vanity desk** Meredith Smart Technology vanity desk—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **Oval medicine cabinet** Zenith brushed-chrome surface-mount—Lowe's; lowes.com. **Storage ottoman** Off-white round storage tray ottoman—Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com. **Fabric for ottoman skirt** Nap Sak in Sunglow—Joel Dewberry; joeldewberry.com.

Real-Life Strategies: Clothes Call

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Closets—Michael Anderson, Storganize, St. Louis Park, Minnesota; 952/933-1200; storganize.com. **Rug** Morning Glory in orange—Amy Butler for Chandra, Adairsville, Georgia; 706/624-4518; shopchandra.com. **White jar** Trellis porcelain jar in small—Garnet Hill; 800/622-6216; garnethill.com (product line varies). **Drapery** Cotton Canvas Bold Stripe window panel in Plaster #31-1234590 2—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies). **Women's clothing, shoes, belts, purses**—T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; tjmaxx.com (product line varies). **Shoe kit** Woodlore Professional Cedar Shoe Valet with Starter Kit II #117083, **boots and shoes** Steven Intyce boots #7386618 in Cognac leather, Kamik Heidi

boots #7443522 in Dark Purple, Born Belinda sandal #7909483 in Jeans, La Plume Dixie sandal #8102995 in Yellow—Zappos; 800/927-7671; zappos.com. **Metal necklace stand** #77-9051277, **small glass display box** #77-7136542, **large glass display box** in large #77-7136351—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies).

Home Tour: Raising the Roof on Organizing

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Architect: Jim Maliksi, J. Maliksi & Associates, Inc., 675 Menlo Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025; 650/323-2902; maliksi.com.

Interior designer: Mary Jo Fiorella, ASID, Castro Valley, California; 510/317-7300; fiorelladesign.com.

Interior designer, decor, and accessories: Nancy Evars, Evars + Anderson Interior Design, San Francisco; 650/248-0709; evarsanderson.com.

Throughout

Cabinetry custom design—Mary Jo Fiorella, ASID, Castro Valley, California; 510/317-7300; fiorelladesign.com. **Fabrication of cabinetry**—Amberwood Products, Inc., San Jose; 408/938-1600; amberwoodproducts.com. **Design and fabrication of pillows and decorative soft goods**—through Nancy Evars, Evars + Anderson Interior Design, San Francisco; 650/248-0709; evarsanderson.com.

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Floor finish Rubio Monocoat in Chocolate—through Special Hardwood Products, Inc.; monocoat.us. **Sectional sofa** Marin sectional—Harvest Home; harvesthomestores.com. **Fabric for blue-and-white small-pattern pillow at center of sofa** Nitik—China Seas, through Quadrille Wallpapers and Fabrics, New York City; 212/753-2995; quadrillefabrics.com [T]. **Trellis pillow**—Z Gallerie; 800/358-8288; zgallerie.com. **Solid orange lumbar pillow**—Lu-Lu Pom, Los Gatos, California; 480/399-5572; lulupom.com. **Fabric for large tangerine pillows** Marakesh—Highland Court; 800/387-2533; highlandcourtfabrics.com [T]. **Dark blue ottoman as coffee table** Templeton cocktail table, **turquoise pouf**—Jonathan Adler; 800/963-0891; jonathanadler.com. **Orange chevron-pattern tray**—available through Lotus Bleu, San Francisco; 415/861-2700; lotusbleudesign.com. **Large orange vase on table** Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Fruit bowl**—Tyler Florence, Mill Valley, California; 415/380-9200; tylerflorence.com.

Gray vase on table—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies). **Rug**—Stark Carpet Corp.; 800/752-9000; starkcarpet.com.

Lamps—Robert Abbey, Inc., Hickory, North Carolina; 828/322-3480; robertabbeybiz.com. **Pendant light**—Visual Comfort & Co.; 866/344-3875; visualcomfortlightinglights.com [T]. **Exterior paint** Charcoal Slate—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Planters** Half Moon Bay—Evars + Anderson Interior Design, San Francisco; 650/248-0709; evarsanderson.com.

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Cabinet hardware—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com. **Perimeter countertops** honed Calacatta marble—contact local cut-stone retailers. **Tile for backsplash** Soho beveled 3×6-inch—Walker Zanger; 877/611-0199; walkerzanger.com. **Backsplash at range niche** Calacatta marble in herringbone pattern—AKDO; 800/811-2536; akdo.com. **Range**—Thermador; 800/735-4328; thermador.com. **Hood** custom design—J. Maliksi & Associates, Inc., Menlo Park, California; 650/323-2902; maliksi.com. **Sink**—Franke Kitchen Systems Division; 800/626-5771; frankeksd.com. **Faucet**—Grohe America, Inc.; 800/201-3407; groheamerica.com. **Wall paint** Pelican Gray—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Pendant over island** Harmon pendant—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com. **Stools at island** Tibetan bar stools, **orange vase on island**—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **Fabric for valance**—Thibaut Design; 800/223-0704; thibautdesign.com. **Turquoise tray**—Summer House, Mill

Valley, California; 415/383-0157; summerhouse57millvalley.com. **Kettle**—Chantal Cookware Corp.; 800/365-4354; chantalcookware.com. **Utensil holder and floor runner** Jill Rosenwald—available through Lotus Bleu, San Francisco; 415/861-2700; lotusbleudesign.com. **Orange herb pots at window**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com.

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Desk chair Delta side chair—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies). **Floors** Helsinki Winter Mist tile—Walker Zanger; walkerzanger.com. **Rug**—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; dashandalbert.com. **Turquoise urn on desk, chevron-pattern urn on shelf** Nate Berkus—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; target.com (product line varies).

Chevron-pattern bowl on shelf—available through Lotus Bleu, San Francisco; 415/861-2700; lotusbleudesign.com. **Orange box, mail sorter, pen holder**—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com.

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Sofa Diane—Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams; 800/789-5401; mgandbw.com. **Chair** Regent armchair—Jonathan Adler; 800/963-0891; jonathanadler.com. **Polka-dot pillow at center of sofa**—Summer House, Mill Valley, California; 415/383-0157; summerhouse57millvalley.com. **Silver wishbone on coffee table**—One Kings Lane; 855/746-7655; onekingslane.com. **Side tables, lamps**—Plantation Design, Los Angeles; 323/731-5400; plantationdesign.com. **Coffee table** Peekaboo clear coffee table—CB2; 800/606-6252; cb2.com. **Mirror** White Porcupine Quill mirror—Horchow Home Catalog; 800/456-7000; horchow.com. **Orange chairs at window** purchased unrestored—Antique & Art Exchange; antiqueandartexchange.com. **Sconces** Ventana sconces—Jonathan Adler; 800/963-0891; jonathanadler.com. **Fabric for pillows** Zig Zag in Leaf—Quadrille Wallpapers and Fabrics, New York City; 212/753-2995; quadrillefabrics.com [T]. **Garden stool** Chinese garden stool in silver—Wisteria; 800/767-5490; wisteria.com. **Rug**—Merida Meridian, Inc.; 800/345-2200; meridameridian.com. **Artwork over fireplace** Michelle Armas—through Mary Jo Fiorella, ASID, Castro Valley, California; 510/317-7300; fiorelladesign.com. **Round table at window**—One Kings Lane; 855/746-7655; onekingslane.com. **Fabric for Roman shades** Sirocco—Elitis; elitis.fr. **Chandelier** Pipa Bowl chandelier—Oly; olystudio.com [T]. **Orange lattice vase on shelf**—Cocozzy; cocozzy.com. **Solid-color gold pillows on sofa**—Williams-Sonoma; 800/541-2233; williams-sonoma.com. **Fabric for orange pillows on sofa** Dominic Husk—Raoul Textiles; raoultextiles.com.

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Mirror, towel holder, cabinet hardware—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware.com. **Sconce lighting**—Visual Comfort & Co.; 866/344-3875; visualcomfortlightinglights.com. **Sink**—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. **Wall paint** Gray Owl—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P].

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Console table Preston console table—Jonathan Adler; 800/963-0891; jonathanadler.com. **Mirror** Robert Abbey Meurice mirror in polished nickel—Candelabra; shopcandelabra.com. **Vase**—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies). **Rug** Greek Key in pink—Trina Turk; trinatürk.com.

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Side tables Hollywood nightstand—Modshop; modshop.com. **Rug**—Stanton Carpet Corp.; 888/452-4474; stantoncarpet.com. **Fabric for window treatment and desk chair** Imperial Trellis—F. Schumacher and Co.; 888/298-2991; fschumacher.com [T]. **Bedding**—Serena and Lily, Inc.; 866/597-2742; serenaandlily.com. **Green lamp** Reynolds green table lamp—Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc., Bassett, Virginia; 276/629-6000; bassettfurniture.com. **Wallcovering** Manila Hemp in Kelly Green—Phillip Jeffries, Ltd.; 800/576-5455; phillipjeffries.com. **Pendant lighting**—Visual Comfort & Co.; 866/344-3875; visualcomfortlightinglights.com. **Navy pillows**—available through Lotus Bleu, San Francisco; 415/861-2700; lotusbleudesign.com. **Mirror**—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. **Chair**—Ballard Designs; 800/536-7551; ballarddesigns.com (product line varies). **Desk lamp**—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com (product line varies). **Orange tray**—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com (product line varies).

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The Ultimate Kitchen

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Kitchen designer: Rebekah Zaveloff, CKD, KitchenLab, LLC; 773/495-4383; kitchenlab-chicago.com.

Builder/contractor: ENC Development, LLC; 847/530-1901; encdevelopment.com. **Range, ovens**—Wolf Appliance, Inc.; 800/332-9513; subzero-wolf.com. **Vent hood** custom—Avenue Metal; 312/243-3483; avenuemetal.com. **Refrigerator, freezer**—Thermador; 800/735-4328; thermador.com. **Inset cabinets** KitchenLab Signature, **freezer/pantry cabinetry** custom, **countertops perimeter** Calacatta Gold marble, **island** Mother of Pearl quartzite—KitchenLab, LLC; 773/495-4383; kitchenlab-chicago.com. **Cabinetry hardware** Artisan Series in polished nickel—Cliffside Industries, Ltd.; 800/873-9258; cliffsideind.com [T]. **Paint for inset cabinets**

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Pointing—Farrow & Ball; 888/511-1121; farrow-ball.com [P]. **Paint for island** Midsummer Night—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Backsplash, stove tile surround** Antique White Crackle—Ann Sacks; 800/278-8453; annsacks.com. **Main sink** Solitiere, **faucets** Quincy—Kallista; 888/452-5547; kallista.com. **Prep sink**—Julien, Inc.; 800/461-3377; julien.ca. **Butler's pantry flooring and backsplash**—Materials Marketing; 800/368-3901; mstoneandtile.com [T]. **Overhead lighting** Barrington in antique brass—Hudson Valley Lighting, Inc.; 800/814-3993; hudsonvalleylighting.com. **Lighting at side windows** Boston Functional Library Light in hand-rubbed brass—Visual Comfort & Co.; 866/344-3875; visualcomfortlightinglights.com. **Counter stools** Bosquet, **butcher block on island**—Williams-Sonoma; 800/541-2233; williams-sonoma.com. **Topiary pot**—Chalet Nursery; 847/256-0561; chaletnursery.com. **Silver bowl, scoop bowl**—Chiasso; 800/654-3570; chiasso.com.

The Ultimate Living Space

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Design-build firm: Ili Nilsson and Courtney Davis, TerraCotta Properties, 403 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Suite 215, Decatur, GA 30030; terracottaproperties.com. **Subcontractor:** Brian Matura, Matura Construction, LLC, Atlanta; 404/875-9406. **Wall paint** Ash in velvet finish—Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com [P]. **Ceiling paint** Extra White SW7006 in flat finish, **trim paint** Extra White SW7006 in high-gloss finish—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Drapery rods** ORB—Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. **Rug** custom designed by Isabela Nilsson in wool and silk—Verde Home, Atlanta; 678/927-9113; verdehomeinc.com. **Sofa** Zentique Aragon sofa with custom pillows and bench seat—Candelabra; 800/440-5121; shopcandelabra.com. **Solid-color tangerine pin-tuck linen pillow on sofa**—Room & Board; 800/486-6554; roomandboard.com. **Dark maroon floral pillow** Spicer Sangria with raw edge, **wicker tray at bar area, scarf on chair arm, small pink vase on table**—At Home, Birmingham, Alabama; 205/879-3510; athome-furnishings.com. **Cocktail tables** Lumeno glass cocktail tables by Magnussen Home—Bellacor; 877/723-5522; bellacor.com. **Side table at sofa** Trumpet side table in antique brass by Barbara Cosgrove—Clayton Gray Home, Tampa; 813/250-3663; claytongrayhome.com. **Table flanked by upholstered chairs** Tini Table IV in Dove White with White Lizard top—Oomph; oomphonline.com. **Upholstered chairs** in Darwin Oatmeal linen—Lee Industries; 800/892-7150; leeindustries.com. **Ikat pillows on chairs**—Layla Grayce; laylagrayce.com. **Table lamps flanking sofa** Silver Camel, **chandelier** Zephyr burnished-brass four-light chandelier by Mariana Imports—available through Bellacor; 877/723-5522; bellacor.com. **Wall sconces at mirror** TT double-light sconces—Circa Lighting; circa-lighting.com. **Window shades**—Synergy Shades; synergysadesolutions.com. **Mantel** Mont Richard stone mantel surround—Francois & Co.; francoisandco.com. **Hearth surround** Dark Emperador marble—Intown Design, Atlanta; 404/812-3820; intowndesigninc.com. **Woven basket on shelf, white storage units inside shelf**—Let's Get Organized, Inc., Homewood, Alabama; 205/871-0616. **Colorful woven basket with handle**—Whole Foods; wholefoods.com. **Bar cabinet paint** Sealskin SW7675 in lacquer finish—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Bar cabinet hardware** Round glass knobs—Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. **Calacatta Gold marble countertop at prep sink**—through Intown Design, Atlanta; 404/812-3820; intowndesigninc.com. **Bar backsplash** sheet mirror—contact local glass retailers. **Wine cooler**—U-Line Corp.; 800/779-2547; u-line.com. **Cabinetry** custom—Greenwalt & Sons, Hiram, Georgia; 404/271-5179; greenwaltandsons.com. **Cabinet paint** Knitting Needles SW7672 in lacquer finish—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; sherwin-williams.com [P]. **Island cabinet paint** Graphite in lacquer finish—Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com [P]. **Cabinet hardware** in white bronze by Vinci—through HardwareHut.com, a division of Spokane Hardware Supply, Inc.; 888/708-6649; thehardwarehut.com. **Backsplash and countertops** Calacatta Gold polished marble, **island countertop** Dark Emperador polished marble—through Intown Design, Atlanta; 404/812-3820; intowndesigninc.com. **Large wood cutting board, large pink vase on dining table, pillow at right on bench, white pot at prep sink**—At Home, Birmingham, Alabama; 205/879-3510; athome-furnishings.com. **Stain for red oak flooring** Provincial stain in semigloss finish—Minwax; minwax.com. **Floor runner** Panthea in blue—Horchow Home Catalog; horchow.com. **Wall sconces at range niche** TT single-light sconce—Circa Lighting; circa-lighting.com. **Hood vent**—Vent-A-Hood Co.; 800/331-2492; ventahood.com. **Convection ovens, cooktop, dishwasher**—Electrolux Home Products; electroluxappliances.com. **Refrigerator integrated with cabinetry**—Sub-Zero, Inc.; subzero.com. **Icemaker, trash compactor**—KitchenAid; kitchenaid.com. **Main sink faucet, soap dispenser, and prep sink faucet** from the Meridian series, **pot filler** from the Cantata collection—Blanco America, Inc.; blancoamerica.com. **Chandelier at dining table** Farlane small—Circa Lighting; circa-lighting.com. **Table** Tulip table in Arabescato with white base by Eero Saarinen—Knoll, Inc.; 800/343-5665; knoll.com. **Fabric for bench seat** Opus in



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The Ultimate Master Suite

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Interior designer: Ann Marie Parker, ASID, 22 Century Hill Dr., Suite 201, Latham, NY 12110; 518/213-1001; e-mail: *annmarieparkerdesigns@gmail.com*.

Bath designer: Kitchen Dimensions & More, 989 State Rt. 9, Queensbury, NY 12804; 518/792-8885; *kitchen-dimensions.com*.

Builder: Bette & Cring LLC, 22 Century Hill Dr., Suite 201, Latham, NY 12110; 518/213-1065; *bettecring.com*.

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Dresser St. Tropez in Walnut finish—Lexington Home Brands; 800/539-4636; *lexington.com*. **Chair** #5469-01 in Serenity Muse fabric—Fairfield Chair Co., Lenoir, North Carolina; 828/758-5571; *fairfieldchair.com*. **Mirror over dresser** Visage in silver leaf, **wall mirror** Melange in silver—Hooker; *hookerfurniture.com* [T]. **Lamps on dresser** Crystal Table Tower lamp in polished chrome—Quoizel, Inc., Hauppauge, New York; 631/273-2700; *quoizel.com*. **Bedside table lamp** Grande Luxe glass lamp in silver and ivory finish—Pier 1 Imports; 800/245-4595; *pier1.com*. **Wood hangers** solid-wood hangers in Cherry, **basket next to chair** two-handle braided rush basket from the Better Homes and Gardens Collection®—Walmart; *walmart.com*. **Carpeting** Jenson Sterling collection in Ecru—Stanton Carpet Corp.; 888/452-4474; *stantoncarpet.com*. **Closet design**—Kendall Connors, **finishes for closetry** Almond—California Closets, Latham, New York; 518/785-5723; *californiaclosets.com*. **Knobs on closet dresser** Free Form Elegance—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; *anthropologie.com*. **Wallpaper behind dresser** Brewster SW-4415559—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; *sherwin-williams.com* [P]. **Square storage baskets**—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; *containerstore.com*. **Olive green wooden labels on baskets**—Paper Moon by KAT; *papermoonbykat.etsy.com*.

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Vanity #503 with charcoal glaze from the Natural collection—Woodmode Cabinets; 877/635-7500; *wood-mode.com*. **Oval mirrors over vanity** Tedora Ruffled Edge wall mirror—Uttermost; 800/678-5486; *uttermost.com*. **Bath faucets** Rothbury in brushed nickel—Moen, Inc.; 800/289-6636; *moen.com*. **Bath flooring**—Calacatta marble Wilshire in London Gray—Walker Zanger; *walkerzanger.com*. **Lighting** Maestro—Lutron Electronics Co., Inc.; 888/588-7661; *lutron.com*.

The Ultimate Small Closet

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Doorknobs and hooks—The Land of Nod; 800/933-9904; *landofnod.com*. **Cedar and charcoal refreshers, white hangers, out-of-season clothing bins, quilted boot inserts**—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; *containerstore.com*. **Washi tape for organizing clothing on hangers** Tulip—Cute Tape; *cutetape.com*. **Yellow paint at hanging tops** Citrus SW6906, **darker yellow paint inside closet** Fun Yellow SW6908; **teal paint** Synergy SW6938, **pink paint** Ice Plant SW6847, **blue background paint for stencil** Blue Mosque SW6789, **room wall paint** Eider White SW7014—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; *sherwin-williams.com* [P]. **Teal paint for stencil**—Modern Masters, Inc.; 800/942-3166; *modernmastersinc.com*. **Storage closet components** Closet Maid—through Lowe's; *lowes.com*. **Rolling crate**—Serena and Lily, Inc.; 866/597-2742; *serenaandlily.com*. **Ikat stencil**—Cutting Edge Stencils, Mahwah, New Jersey; 201/828-9146; *cuttingedgestencils.com*. **Jewelry tree hanger, magnetic strip hat and scarf hook**—Umbra; 800/387-5122; *umbra.com*. **Floating white shelves**—Walmart; *walmart.com*. **Rug, chair, drapery, pillow**—World Market; 800/267-8758; *worldmarket.com* (product line varies). **Vase**—MoMA Design Store; 800/447-6662; *momastore.org*. **Side table, wire baskets**—Target Stores; 800/800-8800 for a retail store near you; *target.com* (product line varies). **Storage cube towers, bun feet, canvas storage bins**—Lowe's; *lowes.com*.

The Ultimate Garage

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Storage system—Gladiator GarageWorks; 866/342-4089; *gladiatorgarageworks.com*. **Track systems under worktable and holding rakes and brooms** Fast Track, **stackable recyclers** #7P71 and #7P69, **blue storage box by garden pots** #2213 in Indigo, **gray box by garden pots** #2244 in Steel Roughneck—Rubbermaid; 888/895-2110; *rubbermaid.com*. **Car-cleaning kit** Ultimate Wash, wheel and tire

kit—Griots; *griotsgarage.com*. **Bike cleaning tub and contents** Chain Gang cleaning system #840704, bike tire pump #pfp-8, bike tools—Park Tool, St. Paul; 651/777-6868. **Bike rack**—Delta Cycle Corp.; 800/474-6615; *theartofstorage.com*. **Flooring** TechFloor—Weather Tech; *techfloor.com*. **Plastic bin with chevron pattern, lidded plastic bins with labels, blue mop bucket, cleaning supplies, plastic bins on top of refrigerator, blue bins on work bench, pegboard painted blue after purchase, pegboard accessories** BHK—Lowe's; *lowes.com*. **Chalkboard labels and tags** Elastinote from the Martha Stewart collection, **organizer by door, dry-erase labels**—Staples; 800/378-2753; *staples.com*. **Foam backing for labels, labels with black border in cabinet**—Michaels Stores, Inc.; *michaels.com*. **Canvas trunk organizers** Modular Hauler System—The Container Store; 800/786-7315; *containerstore.com*.

The Ultimate Mudroom

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Interior designer: Amy Aidinis Hirsch, LLC, P.O. Box 686, Greenwich, CT 06836; 203/661-1266; *aahirsch.com*.

Contractor: Julio DiBiase, Dibico Construction, P.O. Box 11120, Greenwich, CT 06831; 203/618-1219; *dibicoinc.com*.

Millwork—CJS Millwork, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut; 203/708-0080; *cjsmillwork.com*. **Floor tile** Blue Moon, **tile for backsplash, marble for countertop** Calacatta Gold—Greenwich Tile & Marble, Greenwich, Connecticut; 203/869-1709.

Installation of tile—Ron Goecke Studio, Greenwich, Connecticut; 203/869-1709.

Closet hardware—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; *restorationhardware.com*.

Sisal rug, drawer pulls under bench seat—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; *potterybarn.com* (product line varies). **Lighting in entry**—Remains Lighting, New York City; 212/675-8051; *remains.com*.

Fabric for bench cushion Swayed All Over in Indigo #2689-408—The DesignTex Group; 800/645-5044; *dtex.com* [T].

Fabric for bolster pillows #4130-18—China Seas, through Quadrille Wallpapers and Fabrics, New York City; 212/753-2995; *quadrillefabrics.com* [T]. **Fabric for pillows** Thistle Embroidery #2182-01—Chelsea Editions, New York City; 212/758-0005; *chelseatextiles.com* [T]. **Cabinetry**—through Amy Aidinis Hirsch, LLC, Greenwich, Connecticut; 203/661-1266; *aahirsch.com*. **Wine cooler, freezer**—Sub-Zero, Inc.; 800/222-7820; *subzero.com*. **Sink** #K666, **faucet** #K1217—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; *us.kohler.com*. **Paint for back entry door** Off Black in full gloss #57—Farrow & Ball; 888/511-1121; *farrow-ball.com*.

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Upgrade a garage-staple portable tool cabinet in four simple steps to create a customized kitchen workstation this weekend.

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1. Secure butcher block to the cabinet with construction adhesive to create a work surface. We found a piece 4 inches longer and wider than the cabinet to form a 2-inch overhang on all sides. **2.** Tidy the top drawer with an adjustable utensil organizer, such as this nonslip one from Drawer Decor. **3.** Add magnetic accessories to the steel unit. We attached a magnetic basket, hooks, and a conversion chart. Hang often-used items such as an oven mitt or measuring spoons. **4.** Secure a painted pegboard inside the lower cabinet door, placing hooks based on the size of items you want to keep at hand.

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