

How to Declutter Your Closet

Decluttering your closet is definitely not an easy task. You can spend hours looking at all the items in your closet and have to make several decisions. You may even get caught up in the process and run out of time, forcing you to haphazardly stuff all your clothes or items back in to your closet before moving on to the next thing. If you're ready to put your foot down and make actual progress in decluttering your closet, CO has tips to make it as speedy as possible!

Although most of these tips are related to clothing, many can also relate to other miscellaneous items you may have stored in your closet.

Take Everything Out

When you clean out your closet, you may just stand in front of your items and take out a couple of things. However, this makes keeping items the default. Instead, take everything out and lay them on your bed or floor, including the stuff you know you want to keep. This ensures that you can take a full look at each item and makes it easier to get rid of things since you already made the effort to take it out. You'll only want to spend the energy putting back things you absolutely love. If you don't have a lot of time, just take out a portion of your closet. As you have time in the future, you can start the process again with other parts of your closet.

Start with the Keepers

After taking everything out, start sorting! Pick out items you know you wear frequently and love. This gives you a base idea of how many clothes or items you are already keeping for sure. After you pick out five or so items for each category of clothes (tops, bottoms, jackets, etc.), it's time to start making actual decluttering decisions. You may want to hang up these "keep for sure" pieces back into your closet to gauge how much space you're dealing with.

Sorting is Key!

If you have a particular sorting system in your closet, divide your items as you go through each one. Do you sort your closet by color? Warmth? Brand? Start making your categories beforehand to make the cleanup process easier and faster.

Can't Decide What to Throw Out?

Unsure whether to get rid of something or not? Don't spend too much time mulling over it.

Throw it into a "maybe" pile instead. After you're done going through all your items, then you can take your time and carefully check each "maybe" item.

Have Clear Criteria

- Does it fit well? This doesn't mean "I can wear it if I don't eat breakfast" or "I can wear it if I'm also wearing this particular undershirt." An item that is uncomfortable to wear means that you probably won't be wearing it often. If you truly want to declutter your closet, try to only keep items that are generally "hassle-free."
- Does it go well with other items in my closet? Sometimes, we make impulse purchases. It happens to all of us! If you're unsure whether to keep an item or not, try to imagine at least three outfit combinations you could wear the item with. If you can't, this means you'll most likely end up having to buy even more clothes to match with it, defeating the purpose of decluttering. This is also a good strategy to use at the store before you buy something new.
- How many occasions can I wear this to? Perhaps you have a gorgeous outfit you can't get rid of, but is too fancy or unsuitable to wear in daily life. Think carefully about its versatility before deciding to keep it. If you can only wear the item on a single, specific occasion, you should part ways with it. If it's an item that's a bit more versatile and can be

worn at many fancy occasions, then feel free to keep it as long as it fits your other criteria!

- Do you already own a similar item? Let's be honest, there's no need to own three jean jackets (unless you love jean jackets and wear them every day). Sometimes you may have certain occasions for each item, but try to recall which item you gravitate more to and get rid of the one you don't wear as often.
- Set a maximum number for sentimental items. We all have that lucky dress we wore on our first date or a uniform from an organization we were in several years ago. However, keeping all the sentimental clothes could start piling up fast. Give yourself a maximum number of sentimental items to keep and stick with it. Find out which ones are most important to you. Taking pictures of the clothes you're getting rid of may also help with letting them go.
- If you still can't decide, set aside the clothes (or items) in a box. After some time if you find yourself never wanting to look through the box or can't recall what's in it, it's most likely that you don't need the clothes in there. To ensure that you don't forget about the box, don't just stuff it in the back corner of your closet! Leave it out in the open in an area with a lot of traffic. The inconvenience of having to side step it every time or having it in sight will make sure you don't forget about it.

Let CO Help You Declutter

Closet decluttering is a real commitment both in time and energy. It can become a daily problem when you stand in front of your closet or dresser stumped on what to wear for the day, only to opt for the same outfits over and over again. Whether you're someone who impulse buys clothes and can't find anything you actually want to wear, or someone who just don't have the mental

space to build an unique outfit daily, CO can be your guide. CO will build an outfit for you every day ensuring a thorough rotation of all that you own. CO will also recommend items to purchase based on what you already have, helping you build a collection that is uniquely your style. Right now, CO is collaborating with XYZ to make the digital closet integration as seamless as ever.

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