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HOW TO: WIN BACK YOUR WARDROBE

Get your closets in tip-top shape with expert advice from **Melanie Fascitelli**, organizer extraordinaire

If you've ever wandered through your favorite boutique, wishing your closet looked as good as the display cases, you're in luck. Expert closet designer **Melanie Fascitelli**—head designer of **Clos-ette**, a holistic organization design service, and **Clos-ette Too**, a sister merchandise company—has the professional know-how for making the most of cramped wardrobe spaces. Best of all, she recently remodeled her own closet in her Upper East Side apartment and invited us to observe, sharing tips for transforming dysfunctional closets into spectacular spaces along the way. —S.G. L



Closet designer Melanie Fascitelli, shown here in her Manhattan apartment, says the first step to closet organization is a wardrobe edit. "Look at your wardrobe as a whole, not as individual pieces," she advises. "And never go at it alone: enlist the help of a friend or stylist who will be honest with you."



The key to an expertly organized wardrobe is a unified design. Begin your closet makeover by selecting a style of hanger, preferably one that is flat and thin to decrease bulk and the same color to keep your eyes focused on the clothing. Then, color-code your garments. "Always line your clothes up from light to dark, left to right," says Fascitelli. "It's not only aesthetically pleasing but also extremely helpful when searching for clothes."

Your closet should be structured so everything you own can be on display. Consider adding shelving, cabinets, and racks to hold shoes or folded clothing. Fascitelli grouped her shoes by style and color, with her favorite pairs at eye level. She painted her closet a deep shade of peacock blue, a color that serves as an ideal backdrop for clothing and makes small spaces seem larger. "Painting is an easy way to create a clean, fresh canvas for organizing," she says.

Keep towers of sweaters from toppling over with acrylic dividers. These transparent sorters are sleek and efficient and make your closet feel open and airy.



Hooks from Nanz Hardware keep belts and scarves organized and accessible. Fascitelli is currently collaborating with the company on a line of closet hardware that will debut this fall.



A patterned wallpaper makes the space appear larger and brighter. Instead of tucking your favorite accessories into drawers, put them on display. Fascitelli grouped her favorite clutches by size and style, making it easy to grab and go!

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Signature Hanger: \$14-\$28; One with Top

Fascitelli's line of hangers, which she describes as "durable, space-saving, and garment-saving," come in an assortment of colors and styles and accommodate clothes ranging from sweaters to suits.

Keep jewelry organized at home or on the road. This case includes pockets for pieces of various shapes and sizes, ring and earring holders, and snaps for keeping necklaces tangle-free.



Travel Jewelry Case: \$50; Clov-ette Too

Lavender-scented folding boards keep sweaters neatly stacked and include a natural antiseptic for warding off moths.



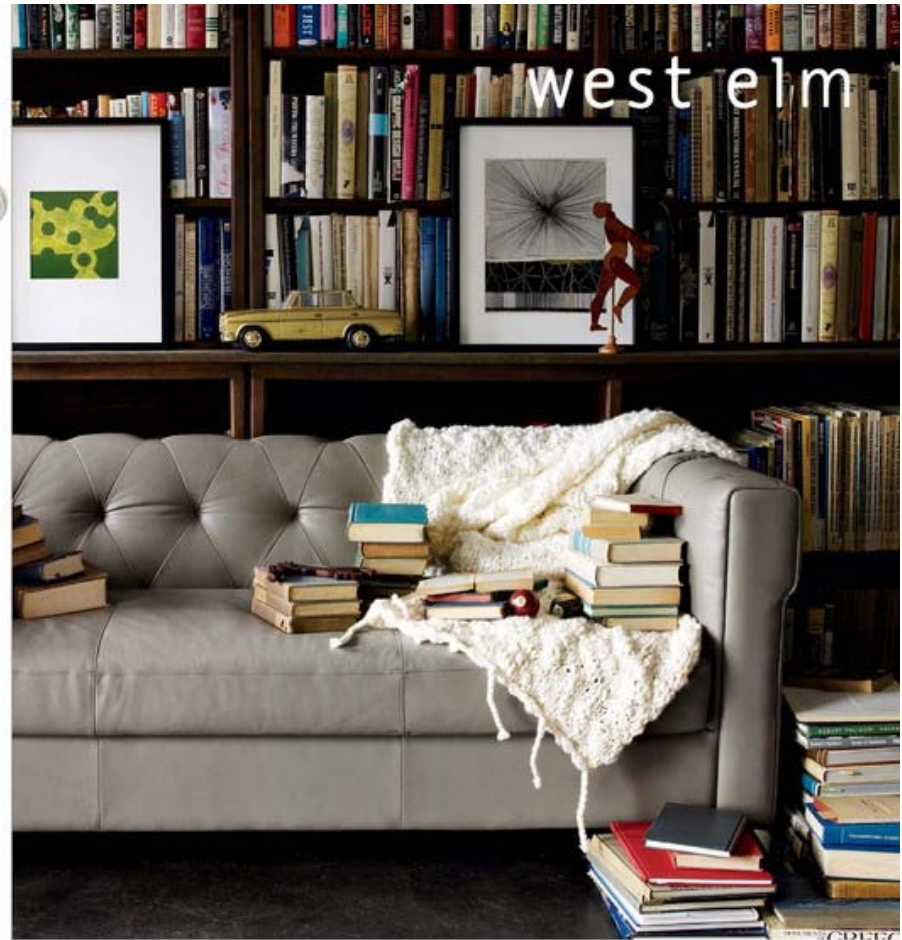
Upper Step Ladder by Kartell: \$380; YLiving

Take advantage of vertical space. Store seasonal items on out-of-the-way shelves when not in use, and keep a stylish ladder on hand to make all parts of your closet accessible. This design by Kartell comes in a variety of colors and folds up when not in use.



Peacock on Shimmer Wallpaper: \$150/roll; Madison & Grow

Teal Tone Paint: \$39.99/gallon; Benjamin Moore



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