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## Spring Clean Your Beauty Space

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MELANIE CHARLTON FASCITELLI, DOING WHAT SHE DOES BEST.

When it comes to organizing a closet, no one does it better than Melanie Charlton Fascitelli. Her wildly successful organizing company, Clos-ette (<http://www.clos-ette.com>) is the one-stop shop for the who's who of Hollywood and Manhattan's elite. Her latest endeavor, a line of closet accessories (<http://www.clos-ettetoo.com>), has already reached cult status amongst her adoring clients. Fans of Melanie's services include Jay-Z, Eva Longoria, Liv Tyler, Drew Barrymore, Phil Collins, Sting, and Julianna Margulies.

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So, as it comes time to spring-clean our beauty cabinets, who better to call on for advice than the queen of organization herself? Here, Melanie gives us her top 10 tips for re-organizing your bathroom space. After all, isn't the essence of spring about chucking the old to make way for the new?

- Always look for expiration dates on makeup. Goopy nail polish must go, and toss mascara bought three months ago—those are no-brainers.
- Use drawer liners for the bottom of drawers and shelves to keep messy makeup from spilling on them.
- Use drawer dividers to help you organize your makeup and give everything a place. We design these ourselves at my firm, Clos-ette, but for the non custom stuff, we love [The Container Store](#).
- Organize your make up the same way you organize your clothes: keep like things together. Brushes with brushes. Lipsticks with lipsticks. Mascaras with mascaras. Face creams and washes together...
- If it is his-and-hers or a shared bath, try to keep a division. Figure out who needs how much space, and divide up the space. Fair is fair: the one with the most stuff should win the war of the space.
- Invest in apothecary jars to hold cotton balls, Q-tips, soaps, etc.
- Invest in a magnifying mirror with a light you can mount to the side of your sink and vanity to get the mirror off the counter.
- If at all possible, use a drawer to store brushes, blow dryers, and irons! (And please clean the old hair off those brushes.)
- Sanitize, wash, and clean all your makeup brushes as well your hairbrushes.
- Our Clos-ette Too Travel Jewelry Case (<http://www.clos-ettetoo.com>) is great for taking all of your jewelry off your bathroom or vanity counter and putting it in a fabulously organized case, which travels easily as well.

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The director is sprawled out on the floor of the IFC Center on her hands and knees with the producer.

The producer has her shoes off, and the two of them are signing copies of the poster for their film *Blank City*.

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