

# HAMPTONS

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Clo-ette's Melanie Charlton Fascitelli (above) and one of her luxe closet creations (left).

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We turned to **Melanie Charlton Fascitelli** of Clo-ette for ideas on how to whip our wardrobe into shape. Here's her advice:

1. Heat causes mildewing, so try and keep clothes in a room that's 75 degrees or cooler.
2. Color-coordinate your light cashmeres into stacks that are easily visible and accessible.
3. Display summer jewelry, accessories, and hats on pegboards.
4. Use retractable valet rods to set out your outfits and layer and pair items—it's a great way to help "wardrobe" yourself.
5. Keep bathing suits, sarongs, or swim trunks in their own section of your closet so you never have to go searching.
6. Make sure to keep separates separate. When it's time to switch out the summer wardrobe for the winter, everything will be organized, labeled, and cleaned before you pack it away for the following season.
7. Do an edit (or hire someone like Clo-ette to do it) before changing seasons—it's the best way to make your old wardrobe new again and feel good about starting fresh each season.
8. Use shoe bouquets to keep your summer heels and sandals shaped.
9. Stuff the insides of your big-brimmed hats with tissue to help them keep their form.
10. Cut your dry-cleaning bill in half by washing summer linens in a gentle wash (Iroca makes a great product). Steaming is also a good—and green—alternative. For a good steam, add one part lavender linen water and two parts distilled water to your steamer and steam away. If you do use a dry cleaner, always go organic.

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