



CLOSET & STORAGE CHECKLIST

1. Establish a Budget

Things to decide about your closet system budget will include the following:

- How much space do you have to work with? Measure the area including ceiling height.
 - Any obstacles such as: light switches, windows, outlets, or HVAC registers?
 - Expanding Square Footage? Sharing the closet? Is it divided: 50/50, 60/40 etc.?
 - Take stock of the volume of hung and folded clothing. Need a hamper?
 - Do you need different storage options such as shoes, belts, jewelry, hats, scarves?
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2. Budget

Predetermine your budget: use [Owings Closet & Storage Survey](#) to help set priorities for your custom closet. The selection options for the style and color of your system are varied with choices for decorative moldings and hardware. Selections chosen depends on your desired budget.

3. Hanging Clothing

Plan the hanging clothing first. Consider how much of your clothing is a short height such as shirts, skirts, shorts and how much is a long height such as dresses and pants. You can use a double-hanging system if you have more short height needs allowing for much more storage.

4. Folded Clothing

Consider the type of folded clothing you have and which items you access the most such as under garments, socks and pjs. You may want to store this type of clothing in a dresser inside your closet system. Open shelving can be helpful for you to see everything easily such as jeans, tee shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts. Install shelves high for seldom used items and keep a slim folding step stool at hand.

5. Shoes

Count your shoe collection and how you wish to store them. An open shoe shelving system may be most helpful allowing easy selection of the perfect pair for your ensemble. Two choices of shoe shelving are available a slanted shelf or a straight shelf. You can even mix them in your closet system. The slanted system allows for easy view of your collection, but the straight shelves can accommodate boots and shoes of various heights.

6. Make selections for the various accessory storage components.

Your custom closet system can provide numerous accessory storage components such as:

- Jewelry • Scarves • Belts • Hats • Handbags • Ties
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7. Laundry

The choice to include a tilt out or pull out hamper can make life neat, efficient, and convenient. You may consider including the washer and dryer within the closet if you have the space.



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Things to think about that many homeowners may not consider:

- Will your new closet be a personal space or shared? If a his and her closet, consider how much space each person will need.
- Is there a spare room that can be accessed by removing a wall to use as a walk-in closet?
- How much storage do you need? His & Her Closets with space-saving shelving system? Other Shelving?
- Outlets?
- Consider lighting options for style and to provide seeing wardrobe clearly.
- Natural light is great if your closet has access to an exterior wall.
- Carpet or Hard Surface flooring?
- Do you want the closet adjacent to the bathroom or the bedroom?
- Will your closet incorporate a dressing room?
- Type of finishes and hardware to express your style.
- Will your closet incorporate a chest of drawers or dresser?
- Full length mirror or mirrors?
- Add an island full of drawers or a bench seat under a window.
- Consider an addition over a garage or sunroom for your new walk-in closet/dressing room.
- Expert Design Professionals can save money in the long run by avoiding costly mistakes.
- Are there benefits in purchasing products such as cabinets, tops, hardware, flooring, and such from the contractor if available?



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