

Decorator's Notebook

Meditations On The Closet

(NAPSA)—A closet is more than a place to store things. It is a repository of one's life, a quiet sanctuary in which reside both the objects of everyday life and the memories that so often give meaning to life. A vacuum cleaner shares space with a family's collection of heirloom holiday ornaments. Whether it's chaotic and chockablock full, or a highly organized, pin-tidy storage receptacle with everything exactly in its place, a closet reflects its owner's life.

People find comfort in "getting organized." An uncluttered environment provides a sense of control and improves the general quality of life by making it easier to function efficiently. For example, if you know that your umbrella is always hung on the same hook in the hallway closet, getting out the door on a stormy Monday morning will be far less stressful than if you first have to hunt for it.

The first step to getting organized is deciding what is worth keeping. The average U.S. household has 5.3 rooms, each stuffed with about a thousand pounds of, well, stuff. One recent study found that Americans getting ready to move consider 20 to 30 percent of their household possessions to be garbage—stuff not worth packing up and moving.

Design consultants from California Closets have helped millions of people cut through the clutter of everyday life and identify those things that are really important to them. These experts have organized everything from



Get in control by reorganizing your closet.

cleaning supplies and overcoats to collections of vintage baseball cards and stacks of old love letters. One client even had her wedding gown, which she wore every anniversary to recreate the mood of that joyous event. Creating just the right space for each item is the key to a life-enhancing closet.

"There's comfort in knowing that that box of irreplaceable family photos is tucked away safe and sound, always ready for you to pull out and cherish at will," says California Closets CEO, Anthony Vidergauz. "At the same time, you need a closet that's in tune to your on-the-go lifestyle. The right design and storage tools can help you achieve that harmony and balance."

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