



The Quick Closet Clean-Up



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If you're like most people ...

you think about a closet "shape-up" once or twice a year, at most: Spring and Fall. If you're one of the more organized types, you may stay on top of things by keeping things spiffed up every season – and I say "Good for you!" But either way, it's so much easier to have a beautifully working wardrobe when you take the time to only keep it stocked with fully functioning pieces that you LOVE and get rid of the 'dead wood' that doesn't work. Here are a few tips to help you start the process.

First of all...

- ...are the clothes that you LOVED and WORE this season. Obviously, these items are ones that worked well for your style and your body. They are keepers – put them away for next year (after taking care of any necessary repairs or cleaning.)
- The next category is clothes that you LOVED but DID NOT WEAR. The question here is "Why?" If you think it's because you just didn't have the right occasion, but you think you might have next year, then keep it and re-evaluate it next season. If it doesn't have the appropriate coordinating items to pull it together into an outfit, then go out and get those items now so that you will be ready to wear it next season. If the item needs a little alteration so that you will wear it, take care of that now and then store it for next year. If you know that you're not going to wear it going forward, then just let it go now and put it in the 'giveaway' pile. Someone else *can* use it.
- The third category is clothing that you SHOULD wear, but DIDN'T. The 'shoulds' will cause a log-jam in your closet. Is it a "too good of a price to pass up" item? Or maybe it was a trendy item that you thought you "should" love? Or is it something that your friend thought looked great on you, but you've never been able to muster the enthusiasm for it? Get rid of it! You will feel so much better when your closet isn't crammed with items you just aren't wearing.
- The final category is clothing that you DON'T LIKE and DON'T WEAR. There is no reason to keep items in your closet that you neither particularly like (let alone LOVE) nor ever wear. Using some firm discipline with these last two categories will free up your closet space as well as your psyche, and you'll be able to look forward to next season with anticipation.



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