

# How to declutter your wardrobe

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## Here are Hannah's tips to keep your wardrobe organised

Wardrobes can quickly get out of hand and turn into a nightmare. Too many clothes can lead to an overflowing wardrobe and can stop you finding an outfit you actually want to wear. But with careful planning, and selecting what items of clothing you want to keep it can soon become the wardrobe of your dreams.

Here are some helpful tips to stop your wardrobe from overflowing.

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## **Get into a regular routine with your clothes**

It's a great habit to get into putting your clothes away after you have used them or putting them into the washing basket. If you struggle with this designate a chair or a clothes hook where you can leave your clothes off the floor until you get time to sort them out over the next day or so.

## **Design the perfect wardrobe for you**

Think about how many clothes you would like to hang and how many you would like to fold and keep in drawers. Double rails are perfect for men's clothing, such as shirts and trousers. Whereas ladies may need a longer hanging space for dresses and coats.

## **Too many clothes but nothing to wear?**

Then this tip is for you. Many people struggle to get rid of clothes as they argue that they will wear it in the future. To get an idea of how often you wear items, turn all your hanger hooks so that they point towards you (so they are the wrong way round). Once you have worn an item, put it with the hooks pointing the normal way. After six months you will have an idea of which items you wear frequently. The items that haven't been touched will still have the hanger facing the wrong way. You can then sort through and donate the clothes that you haven't worn and probably won't wear again.

## **Buy matching hangers for your wardrobe**

This will instantly make your wardrobe look a lot smarter. Non-slip, skinny velvet hangers are my favourite. Store empty hangers at the end of your wardrobe rail, this means they won't get tangled up in your clothing.

## **Hang your clothes in categories**

This makes it much easier to find what you are looking for. I recommend grouping into sections such as work, dressy, casual and so on. Then divide these categories into types of clothing like trousers, skirts, dresses and tops. If you are feeling really inspired you can then organise those subcategories into colour.

## **Keep a donation box at the bottom of your wardrobe**

If you find it difficult to edit your clothes every year or so, keep a donation box at the bottom on your wardrobe. Then when the mood strikes to have a quick sort through or if an item of clothing doesn't fit or look quite right it can go in the box instead of back in your wardrobe. When the box is full it can be taken to the charity shop.

## **Keep your drawers neat**

Drawer dividers are brilliant to keep smaller items of clothing in the area they are supposed to stay in. This means you can easily use one drawer for more than one item. When using drawers to store clothes it is a good idea to store the items you use everyday in the top drawers, for easy access, and less used items of clothing can be put in the drawers below. Shallow drawers are ideal for t-shirts, gym wear and pyjamas, whereas deeper drawers are best for woolly jumpers and bulkier items of clothing. Folding t-shirts and trousers vertically is not only a space saver but it also makes it much easier to see which top you want to wear quickly and efficiently.

## **Get more wardrobe space by storing seasonal clothes in boxes**

Matching plastic boxes with lids are great for storing seasonal clothes or clothes you don't use that often. Make sure the boxes are clearly labelled and can be stored in the top shelves of your wardrobe so they are out of the way until next summer comes along.

## **Drawers or vertical storage are great for jewellery**

Vertical hanging storage is perfect for accessories and jewellery and is a great space saver. Equally, shallow felt drawers with dividers stop jewellery getting tangled and mixed up and is also an easy way to quickly see what jewellery you have and therefore you're more likely to wear it.

## **Store your bags individually on shelves**

If you have the space it is a good idea to display bags on shelves so that you can easily see them. It will also brighten up your wardrobe and make it look fun and inviting. Try not to tuck one bag inside another as you will most likely forget you have that bag and not use it. If you like to see your bags outside your wardrobe, you can hang them on hooks and make a feature of them.



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