

A bedroom scene featuring a bed with a wooden frame and a rattan headboard. The bed is dressed in white linens and a beige throw blanket with a fringed edge. Several decorative pillows are on the bed, including one with a blue and white geometric pattern and another with a brown and white leaf pattern. To the left, a wooden nightstand holds a potted plant and two lit candles. Above the bed, a macramé basket hangs from the ceiling, containing a green plant. The background wall is a mix of stone and white plaster.

**EASY WAYS TO  
REJUVENATE  
YOUR HOME  
THIS YEAR**

# ABSTRACT

We all know when you renovate your home you invest time, effort, and money. But that's not to say the potential costs will outweigh the positive aspects of renewing your home. In fact, if you really take the time to consider why the prospect of home renovation is constantly on your mind, you'll realise there's a practical and compelling reason behind it.

# INTRODUCTION

Did you set a New Year's resolution to revitalize your home's appearance?

Despite beginning with good intentions and well-laid plans, many individuals struggle to see their home improvement projects through to completion. Instead of resorting to buying new furniture pieces to maintain a fresh and tidy look, consider these ten clever tricks to elevate your home's elegance without straining your budget.

## I. 10 Tips for Restoring Old Furniture



Professional furniture restorers and hobbyists alike all have one thing in common: the desire to pluck a piece of furniture off the side of the road and restore it to its former glory. What's not to like? You're saving something from a landfill and breathing new life into a forgotten item. The former owner only saw a table with broken legs and a surface marred by water rings. As a furniture restorer, you see possibility.

Furniture restoration involves tackling any aspect of work that's required to get an old dresser or chair as close to the original condition as possible. Often, it's more than

just a facelift -- it's making the item usable again and possibly even adding value. Here are 10 tips that can help you make the old new again.

## Make Sure You Have Time to Devote to the Project



You've just found the perfect end table for the right price: free. It's sitting on the curb, and all it needs is a little tender loving care. You can already see how it'll look sitting in your living room.

However, it's important to remember that a small side project can quickly turn into a time-consuming chore, depending on your restoration skills and how many free hours you have to devote to the work. The more complex the task, the longer it'll take to finish, so be sure you have enough time in your schedule -- or are willing to give up several weekends -- to finish your piece.

## Research and Inspect

Do a little research to determine your piece's value before you restore it. Inspect it for marks or labels that may indicate its origin. If you suspect it's worth some money, consult a professional before proceeding with any work. Take photos of any markings or tags for your records. Removing a collectible antique's finish could lessen or void its value, so hold off on stripping or sanding until you know exactly what you have.

## Establish a Budget



Once you've determined whether your found treasure is actually worth any money, you need to decide how much cash you want to sink into it. Yes, you might love the challenge of furniture restoration, but if the piece isn't valuable, you'll need to figure out how important it is to you. Is it something that can be repaired relatively inexpensively? Will the project cost you less than buying a new piece? Is it worth your time?

Some projects may just need a few simple fixes you can quickly complete. Others may be more involved and could wind up costing you way more than you intended to spend, which could be the reason the furniture was sitting on the curb to begin with.

### Know What You Want It to Look Like

It's happened to every restorer: You pull a wooden table off the curb, thinking its color will nicely match the rest of the furniture in a given room, only to discover after restoration begins that the piece is actually made from lighter-colored wood and doesn't match at all. Luckily, with a little examination, you can get an idea of the true grain's color. Find a spot that's been protected from everyday wear, such as the back of a drawer front. Taking a peek at an unworn area will give you an idea what the finished product will look like.

### Safety First



When embarking on a furniture restoration project, be sure you have safety in the front of your mind. The last thing you want to do is have a splinter of wood accidentally lodge itself into your eye or be overcome by harsh fumes.

Make sure you wear long-sleeved clothing to protect your skin from harmful chemicals found in wood strippers and varnish. Use safety glasses to shield your eyes. If you're stripping or varnishing a piece, wear a mask and work in a well-ventilated room to keep strong vapors at bay.

### Clean Before You Start



Before whipping out your sandpaper and paintbrush, give the piece a thorough cleaning. After years of neglect, it's likely to have a patina of dirt and grime. Removing the buildup can reveal a nice finish underneath, so a good cleaning and buffing may be all that old table needs to look new again.

Give the furniture a thorough scrub with a sponge and some vegetable-based oil soap and warm water. For detailed pieces, use a soft toothbrush to get into the nooks and crannies. To get between tight spots, pick up a slender wooden dowel rod and sharpen it like you would a pencil. Then use the sharp end for digging out grime. If you need to use steel wool on some stubborn wax buildup, go with 0000 grade (the finest grade available), and use a light hand. Too much pressure can dull the finish.

## Repair

Next, repair or replace any broken parts. You may luck out and stumble across a identical leg or knob at an antique store, estate sale or on eBay, but don't count on it. In most cases, a perfect match will require custom-made parts. Additionally, unless you consider yourself pretty handy, you may need a professional's help with tougher repairs like leg replacements or almost anything relating to the structural integrity of the piece.

## Refinish or Paint



Refinishing the piece means taking off the old finish and creating a new one. It's physically demanding, so be prepared to use some elbow grease for this messy and cumbersome job. For a do-it-yourselfer, it's best to use a combination of chemical strippers and sanding. Above all, be patient, even though some finishes can be stubborn to remove. Trying to speed up the process could result in even more repair work.

### Keep a How-to Guide Handy

If you haven't done much furniture restoration, you'll likely find it helpful to keep a guidebook on hand so you can quickly find answers to any questions that come up over the course of your project. The library is an excellent resource for manuals and other furniture reference materials. Of course, The Internet is also a great resource for information and videos in which experts guide you through each step of the restoration process.

### Tools of the Trade

You'll need some tools to make your project happen. Take a trip down the sandpaper aisle and get a variety of grits. Buy both the moderately rough stuff (80 to 120 grit) and the finest grades (300 to 600). Get a couple of putty knives, one plastic and one metal. Also pick up some 0000 steel wool and a liquid stripping gel.

You'll need Phillips head and flathead screwdrivers for tightening joints and a small hammer and rubber mallet, which will allow you to adjust the wood without leaving a mark.

## II. 14 Ways to Redecorate Your Home Without Spending Money

If you're itching to give your home a mini-makeover, but don't have any money in the budget: look no further. We tapped some of our favorite designers to offer up their best and most creative tips on redecorating your home *without* purchasing a single new item. Here are 14 ways to revamp your living space with nothing more than a little elbow grease—and maybe a set of helping hands to lift the heavier items.

### Rearrange It



Sometimes rearranging furniture can change the entire look and feel of your room. Don't be afraid to move things around and see what it does to your space. It's an easy, inexpensive way to experiment. You might find you have more room than you thought.





## Float It

Chances are, when you moved in, you shoved your sofa up against a wall to get the most possible space in front of it. But you may want to rethink that decision, according to Betsy Helm and Kiley Baun of Shophouse Design. "Pull the furniture away from the wall," they advise "It'll make the room feel larger." Plus, floating furniture makes a space feel more thoughtfully arranged—you know, like you didn't just shove everything up against a different wall.

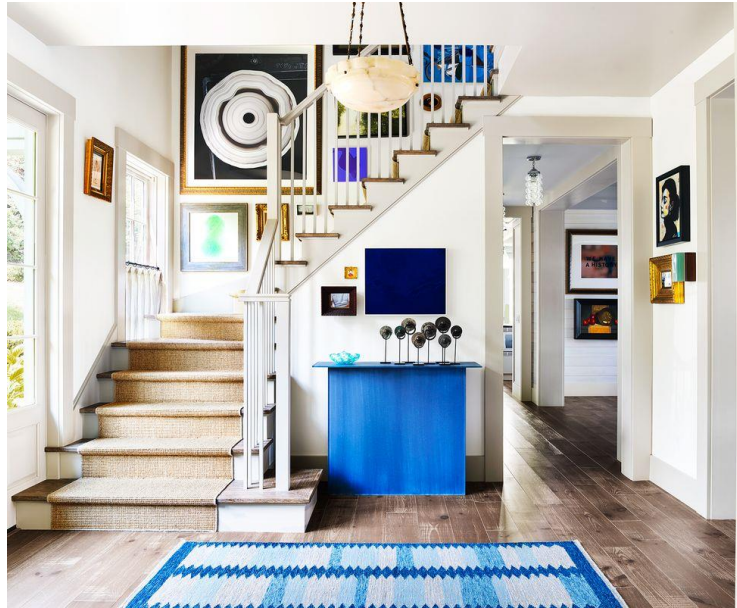
If you have the space for it, put the sofa in the center of your living room, then place your console or sideboard behind it, and cover the surface with frames and decorative objects. Experiment with facing the sofa a different direction so your daily view gets a bit of a switch-up.



## Reconsider Desk Placement

You may have started this WFH journey by plopping down a desk wherever you could find space. Now that WFH has become the new norm, try finding a new home for it. "Place your existing table or desk in the center of a room, or facing a window or your favorite interior view of your home, whether it's a beautiful fireplace or perfect shelfie," says Jay Jeffers. Again, switching up your view will make all the difference.

## Switch Up the Art



A super-impactful, super-easy way to change up your surroundings? Swap your art. If you already have multiple pieces hanging in a gallery wall or around an open space (like in this cheerful Nova Scotia House by Philip Mitchell), you can simply remove pieces from their nails or hooks and hang them on different ones. If you need to do some hanging you haven't gotten to yet, check out our foolproof guide [here](#). Or, if you want to arrange some art without picking up a hammer, try propping it on a shelf or mantel, like Alison Victoria did in her Chicago home [here](#).

Itching for a creative outlet? Make some new art. "I am painting some new artwork panes to change up the room," says Leslie Chalfont of Giddy Paperie, who enlisted her friend, Lance Parker of Parker Kennedy, to advise on some rearranging (via FaceTime, of course!).



## Repurpose Furniture

Don't be afraid to get creative with function. For example, a kitchen stool could easily swap in for a nightstand, or your favorite side chair for a table to hold a stack of books. Here, Teresa and Michael Drapkin turned a painted stool into a colorful bedside table in their 1850s home.



## Move Your Bar

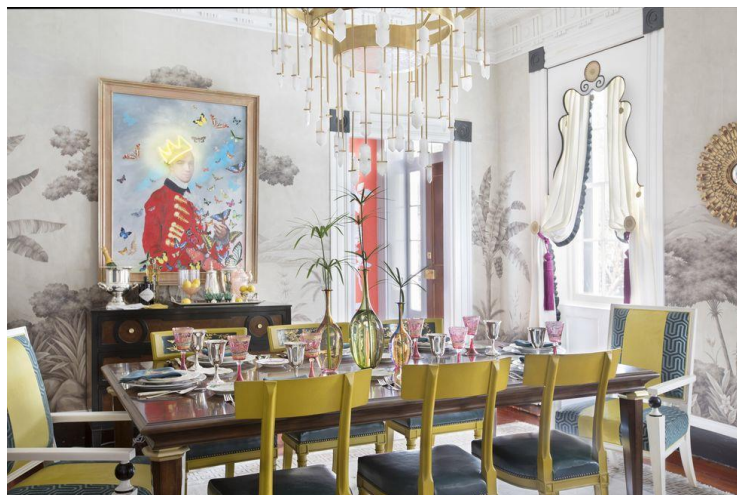
Have a bar cart with wheels? We're willing to bet you've never put them to good use. Wheel a cart in front of your fireplace for cocktail hour (like Jonathan Adler with his Peroni bar cart here), then into the kitchen for a long baking session. If you really want to get multifunctional, remove the booze and turn the piece into an arts & crafts cart for your kids during homeschool hours—then re-stock again once they're asleep, of course.

## Move Your TV



Let's face it: if you put a TV in a room, it automatically becomes the focal point and takes away from the rest of the room's design. Consider moving your TV (perhaps a den area?) and reclaiming the space. In this living room, designed by Cameron Ruppert, the TV hanging over the mantel was successfully swapped for a piece of art. However, you don't have to go that extreme—even moving it to the other side of the room (and adjusting the chairs accordingly) will make the space function differently.

## Adjust Your Dining Table



Have a table with leaves? You're in luck—you basically have unlimited rooms. "With the lack of dinner parties hosted while social distancing, why not maximize the dining room to accept some of the new needs we are all finding fall on our laps?"

Your dining table can serve as a great home office to set up stacks of papers and a desktop, piled high with books to encourage reading while homeschooling (who wants to take a trip to the “library” kids?!), or an easy space to set up multiple workspaces for the kiddos," says MA Allen .

Changing up the size of the table (and, if you're up for it, rearranging the furniture around it to match) will give the room a whole new feel each time. "While in quarantine, moving around—even just within your own home—adds at least a tiny element of adventure," Allen says.

## Change Up the Lighting

Every designer knows that good lighting is everything—and its impact on a space is often overlooked. (The best spaces, like this living room by Ashley Whittaker, have many different light sources). If your space is feeling stale, try changing around the lighting, swapping table and floor lamps to get different levels of brightness in different areas.



## Consider an Appliance Garage

If you're looking to instantly refresh your kitchen, creating an appliance garage, or designated storage spot for your appliances is a must. Designer Amy Sklar, the self-professed "queen of the appliance garage" came up with the idea when she was designing her own kitchen. "I was like, okay, the least sexy things in my kitchen are my toaster and the soda dispenser, but we use them every single day. So I thought, all right, I have to find a way to have the kitchen be beautiful and not see these things," she explains.

### **III. The Top 9 Expert Strategies To Declutter Your Home**



In the past few years, decluttering has become very popular. With TV shows like *Hoarders* that point out the potential dangers of too much consumerism, combined with the rise of minimalism, people are hopping on board with the lifestyle that favors owning less in order to reduce stress and live a more meaningful life.

There is a rise in younger generations going to extremes by getting rid of most of their possessions and putting all they own into one backpack or one van and traveling the world. Other folks are simply downsizing and choosing to save money, time, and energy.

No matter where you may fall on the spectrum, there's no doubt that decluttering your home is very rewarding. Decluttering can help you feel emotionally lighter. Owning less allows you to focus on what really matters. Lowering the tendency for consumerism can also have significant positive impacts on the environment.

But there are different approaches to owning less.



Here, I'd like to highlight 9 modern voices in the decluttering movement. Each of these techniques have unique approaches on how to declutter your home. Try them and see what works best for you.

## 1. Marie Kondo: What Sparks Joy

Professional organizer Marie Kondo, introduced to the world with her book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, was made a sensation by the popular Netflix show, *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*. Marie focuses on moving through your home by category (rather than room-by-room). These 5 categories include clothes, books, papers, miscellaneous items, and sentimental items.

## 2. The Becker Method: Room-By-Room Decluttering

My rigorous decluttering method focuses on room-by-room decluttering, starting with the easiest, most lived-in areas first. When you begin this way, you'll immediately notice the benefits of your decluttered spaces, which will motivate you to work on more difficult areas.

There are 5 main steps to my method, which is heavily goal-oriented and makes sure to include your entire family:

- Set and define your goals so you know what you're working towards.
- Make sure to include your family in the process and let them know why you're decluttering. Getting everyone on board is important.
- Start with the easiest, high-traffic room, and then continue to work room-by-room
- Make sure to have fun and notice the benefits. Decluttering can be fun and will affect you in a positive way!
- Finally, revisit and revise your goals; the process is ongoing and evolving.

## 3. Peter Walsh Method: Declutter Any Room in 5 Easy Steps

There are just 5 easy steps you need to take to declutter any room with the Peter Walsh Method. The main difference here? Remove *every single thing* from the room you're working on. When doing so, make sure to arrange similar items together so it will be easier to sort through them later.



Step 1: Empty the space. Remove everything from the room! Next, declare your intention for the room and create a vision. Ask yourself, “What do I want from this room?” This will help you decide what to keep and what to get rid of in step 3. Next, take the items you’re decluttering and donate or trash them immediately. Last, return the items to your room to complete your vision. Peter Walsh uses these simple steps in every episode of his show, *Enough Already!* to help families get rid of overwhelming clutter.

#### 4. Fly Lady: Do a Little Every Day

With the Fly Lady method, you declutter in short bursts and use a timer. The goal is to avoid burning yourself out, since decluttering can be a mind-boggling task.

Sort your items into three categories: “Give Away,” “Throw Away,” and “Put Away.” When considering individual items, ask yourself if you love the item, and if you’ve used it recently. Remove duplicate items and keep the better one. Also, think about whether an item has sentimental value, or if it gives you guilt and causes sadness when you see it.

#### 5. Colleen Madsen: Remove 1 Item a Day

Colleen Madsen’s site, *365 Less Things*, debuted when she made the decision to remove one item from her home every single day. She committed to giving away,

selling, or throwing away one thing each day for 1 solid year as a promise to herself via a New Years resolution. This journey continued for Colleen for 4 years!

Colleen urges you to start a little purging of your own. Whether you choose 1 item per day with her philosophy, or more than one to increase the speed of your decluttering, the goal is to declutter every single day—don't overwhelm yourself.

## 6. The Clutterfree App: A Roadmap in the Palm of Your Hand

If you're looking for a decluttering philosophy and roadmap in the palm of your hand, I recommend the Clutterfree App. The app is the first decluttering app to create a *personalized*, room-by-room to-do list for your home. It will even track your progress, unlock achievements, document donations, and allow you to compare before and after photos.



The Clutterfree App also includes motivational articles and even bonus plans (how to organize paper documents, etc) from some of the world's top organizing experts. This robust app combines the power of technology with your desire to declutter to help you succeed in your efforts to minimize.

## 7. Hire Decluttering Help with NAPO

Don't want to declutter by yourself? Enlist the help of NAPO: the National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals. The organization has over 3,500 members worldwide who are dedicated to help individuals and organizations bring order and efficiency to their lives.

NAPO guides you on how to hire the right professional for your needs, whether you need a professional organizer, a productivity consultant, or both. As you might expect, fees depend on the professional's experience, your location, and the services you request.

## 8. The Minimalists Packing Party

If "Party" is in the name, it must be fun, right? Why not make your decluttering journey enjoyable? With this decluttering philosophy created by The Minimalists, the packing party invites you to put all of your possessions into boxes as if you were moving. Invite friends over to help and order pizza.

After the party, remove items from your boxes only as you actually need them. These are the things that add value to your life.

After 3 weeks, you'll find most of your belongings are still packed away in boxes. At this point, you can donate, sell, or trash these items, and because they're already packed, you'll find it much easier to part with it!

## 9. Leo Babauta: A Comprehensive Guide for a Minimalist Home

Leo Babauta, longtime writer at Zen Habits, offers a comprehensive guide to creating a minimalist home. There are 3 compelling benefits Leo mentions about having a more minimalist home: it's less stressful and more calming, it's more appealing, and it's easier to clean.

# **IV. The Art Of Deep Cleaning: Tips And Tricks**

Routine sanitation is necessary to maintain cleanliness of your home. However, it is not enough to keep mould and germs from proliferating rapidly on household surfaces and fixtures. You must engage in deep cleaning activities frequently as well to prevent accumulation of bacteria, viruses and fungi in your house.



Deep cleaning is also necessary to prevent stains, spots and grime from settling in household areas and make them look or smell dirty. You can hire professionals for deep cleaning tasks such as bond cleaning in Sydney, spring cleaning etc. But to manage certain tasks associated with thorough home sanitation, you must master the art of deep cleaning.

Thus, **here are expert tips and tricks that will come in handy whenever you plan to deep clean your home.** Have a look.

### Remove Unwanted Things

Decluttering is not only beneficial for reducing your packing and moving load before moving, but it is also useful to save time while cleaning. You need to get rid of old, unwanted and broken things.

With fewer things to manage, you can create more space and complete tasks within a stipulated time. After decluttering, you can get rid of the trash, keep only things you need and donate or resell things that are in good condition and appropriate for all ages.

### Get Supplies Professionals Use

You don't need an assortment of cleaning products, tools, or equipment during regular house sanitation. But deep cleaning is different, and you will need the

following supplies to get results similar to professionals performing house cleaning and bond cleaning in Sydney.

- Microfiber cloths, towels, duster, gloves and mops.
- White vinegar, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide essential oils and other natural products for green cleaning.
- A vacuum cleaner with multiple attachments.
- A multi-purpose cleaner.
- A disinfectant.
- Brushes, sponges, scouring pads and a drill brush set of different sizes.
- Useful cleaners like bar keepers friend, magic erasers, Stardrops miracle cleaning paste etc.
- Broom and dustpan
- Bucket, containers, spray bottles, mugs etc.

Avoid getting commercial cleaners with bleach, ammonia and other harsh chemicals. Additionally, avoid store-bought products with strong fragrances and volatile organic compounds, as they aggravate asthma, rhinitis, allergies and chronic respiratory conditions.



## Follow The Five-Steps Of Cleaning

Hard surfaces can get grimy and dusty especially ones in high traffic household area. Wiping them with a cloth isn't enough to sanitise them. For deep cleaning any surface in your home, here are 5 steps to follow

- **Pre-Cleaning:** It is necessary for removing loose dust, dirt and debris from household surfaces. You can dust or vacuum surfaces for this step.
- **Let Cleaners Dwell:** Apply cleaner to the surfaces and let it dwell for 5-10 minutes.
- **Scrub Well:** Afterwards scrub the surfaces with a sponge or brush in circular motion.
- **Rinse/Wipe:** Once you have scrubbed the surfaces for 3-5 minutes, rinse them or wipe with a damp microfibre cloth.
- **Dry:** Remove excessive moisture from the surfaces by drying it with a terry or microfibre towel.

## Don't Forget To Disinfect After Cleaning

To ensure surfaces and fixtures in your home are sanitary, you need to clean them first, then disinfect. The terms cleaning and disinfecting are used interchangeably, but these are different activities that should be performed correctly to get optimum results.

Professional bond cleaners in Sydney clean to remove physical contaminants to prevent them from shielding the germs that cause communicable diseases. Once the pollutants are removed, they eliminate the bacteria and viruses with a potent disinfectant.



## Pay Attention To Commonly Overlooked Spots

Bacteria and viruses can survive on surfaces for days and spread through contact, which is why, you need to sanitise all common points of contact when cleaning your home. Here is a list of areas you need to focus on.

- Faucets, switches, door handles, knobs and locks
- Rails, tabletops, armrests, headrests, drawers, cabinets and other furniture etc.
- Countertops, slabs, appliances, sink and stove, among other kitchen surfaces/objects
- Button-pads, keyboards, mouse, remote controls, consoles, etc.
- Walls, doors, windows and floors

Make sure you clean then disinfect these areas in addition to other commonly-used surfaces, fixtures and objects you identified need sanitising. You can find most of them in high traffic rooms like the bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and living room.

Deep house cleaning is necessary to maintain sanitation and hygiene in your home. It reduces the risk of household members falling sick repeatedly. Thus, use the guide above to implement tips and tricks to master the art of deep cleaning. However, don't hesitate to hire professional cleaners if you lack the time, energy or expertise to manage the task yourself.

## **V. 10 Smart Strategies for Organizing Clothes in the Space You Have**

Learn how to organize clothing so every piece is easy to access and closets and dressers stay clutter-free.

Organizing clothing can be tricky because there's no one-size-fits-all solution that works for your entire wardrobe. Although it might be tempting to throw everything on a hanger, different types of clothes require unique organization methods for the most effective storage. Your knit sweaters, for example, won't be organized in the same way as your dresses or socks. To keep your clothes as neat and accessible as possible, you'll need to use a variety of clothing organization ideas for garments and accessories.





Whether you want to organize clothes in a closet, dresser, or wardrobe, it's important not to cram too many pieces into a tight space. This leads to wrinkles and makes it more difficult to see the full range of your clothing options when you're picking out an outfit. Open storage solutions, such as hanging clothes or organizing garments on shelves, are best for what you wear each day, including pants, sweaters, blouses, and dresses. If your full wardrobe is easily within view, you're less likely to end up wearing the same couple of pieces over and over again.

## 1. Edit Your Wardrobe First

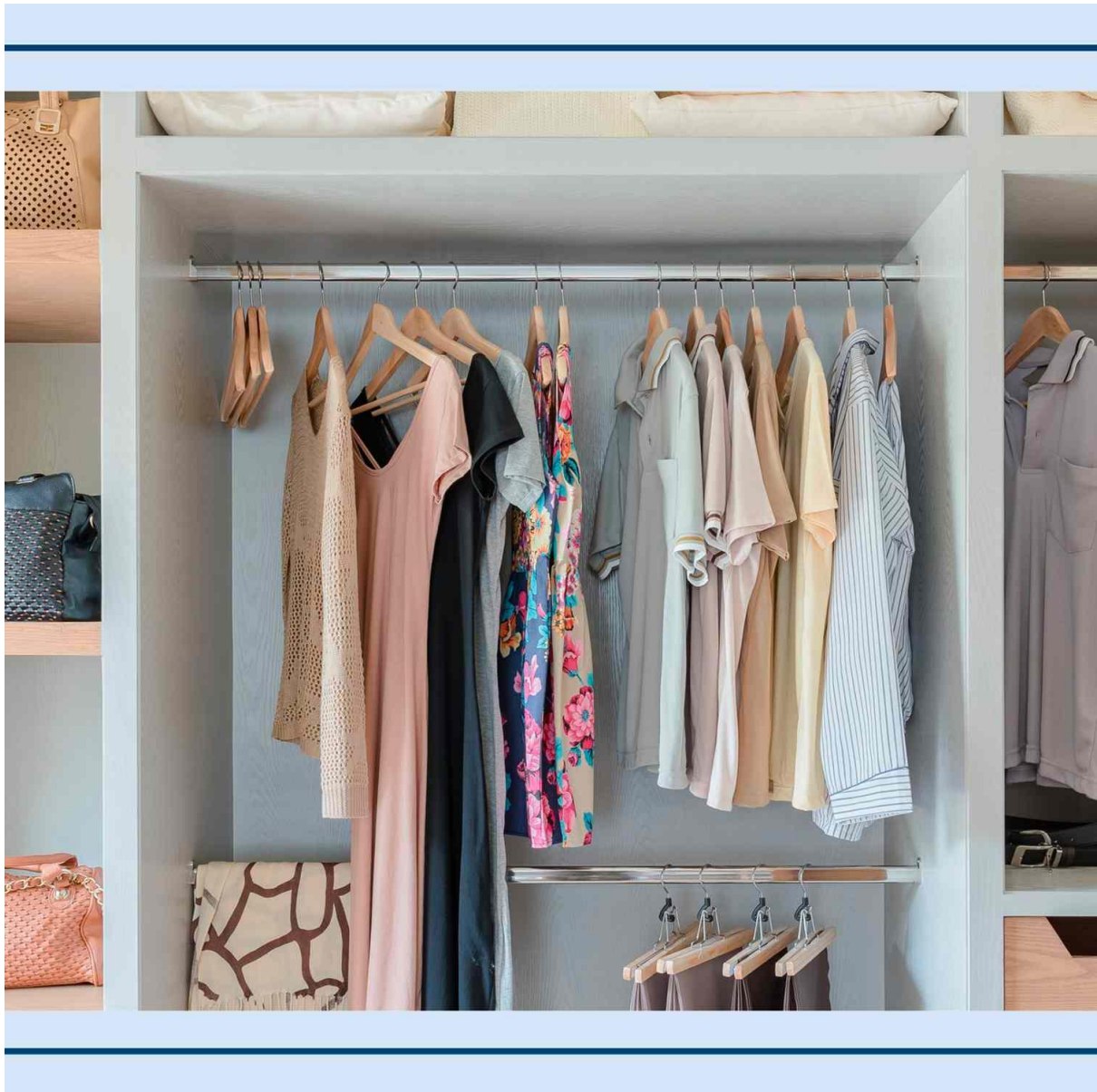
Clothes retain their good looks longer when stacked neatly or hanging freely. But before you begin organizing clothes, create breathing room in closets and drawers by editing your wardrobe. Consider donating apparel that hasn't been worn in a year, no longer fits, is too damaged to repair, or is decidedly never coming back into style. Install closet systems, over-the-door racks, and drawer organizers to keep your remaining garments tidy.

## 2. Organize Garments Like Sweaters and Jeans in Plain Sight

Unlike dressers or armoire drawers, bookcases and open shelves let you quickly see and retrieve what you need. This system to organize clothes works well for jeans, t-shirts, sweaters, and other garments that don't need to be hung. Move a bookcase into a closet to hold stacks of foldable items, organized by type. Equip a few shelves with colorful labeled baskets that corral socks and delicates.

### 3. Divide Hanging Clothing by Category

Create a closet-rod labeling system that tells you what goes where to easily find what you're looking for, then return it to its proper space. Storing similar items, such as jackets or button-down shirts, together streamlines clothing storage and stops you from stuffing too much in one spot. This also prevents other garments from falling off hangers or becoming wrinkled. Repurpose drapery-rod clips (\$10, Target) to display handwritten tags that define different clothing sections.



### 4. Stash Mending Tools Nearby

Organize clothes and the tools needed to keep apparel looking its best in the same spot. You're more likely to replace lost buttons, stitch a falling hem, or press a blouse when a mending kit, button jar, and iron and board are nearby. Being able to tackle

these quick fix-ups ensures that no flawed or rumpled garment languishes unused in your closet.

## 5. Keep Your Best Attire on Wood Hangers

Hang your best garments, such as dresses, jackets, and delicate blouses, on wood hangers. These large, sturdy hangers help clothing pieces hold their shapes in storage. To streamline your morning routine, organize a week's worth of outfits by separating hanging clothes with day-of-the-week dividers. This handy sorting system lets you pre-check garments and gives you time to clean spots or repair flaws before Monday rolls around. This method makes it easy to dress and dash on busy mornings.

## 6. Plan Outfits on the Back of a Door

Use the back of a door to organize clothes and expand storage space beyond the closet. Over-the-door hooks, shoe bags, and multi-hook racks are great to temporarily hang freshly ironed outfits, contain ball cap collections, and stash heavy items, such as robes or coats. Alternatively, add a pegboard to the front or back of a door so you can use hooks to organize smaller accessories such as scarves, neckties, and belts.

## 7. Customize Closet Organization

Boost the storage capabilities of your closet by incorporating a variety of buyable clothing organizers. Customizable closet systems, specialty racks and hangers, storage bins and baskets, shelf dividers, drawer organizers, and hanging compartmentalized bags can all help optimize clothes storage. Personalize storage systems by using vintage hat boxes, suitcases, and even planters to beautifully corral rarely-used clothing, fashion accessories, and out-of-season apparel.

## 8. Organize Clothes in a Freestanding Wardrobe

Increase clothing storage by utilizing an antique armoire or a spacious wardrobe, which you can find at various price points and in numerous styles. Outfit the cabinet's interior with modern bin storage systems and closet rods situated at heights that suit both hanging clothes and ease of access. Tuck in shoe racks and storage bins as space allows. To make planning outfits easier, showcase sketches on door-hung bulletin boards that remind you how to pull together your favorite looks.



## 9. Organize Clothes Storage for Kids

Little ones have smaller clothes, which means you can fit more clothes inside a closet. Opt for multitier systems featuring dual rods. The lower one should be used to sort clothes by day-of-the-week closet dividers. Stencil, paint, or sketch an image of what's inside each drawer or bin so kids can readily identify what's stored where.

## 10. Organize Seasonal Clothing Under the Bed

Underbed organizers, such as plastic boxes, fabric bags, wire racks, and wooden drawers, provide a variety of clothing organization and storage options.

These can be used to hold folded sweaters, jeans, extra robes, or balled-up socks and out-of-season clothing, such as swimsuits or winter scarves. Look for options with shoe-organizer inserts. Moving shoes out of your closet can create a tidier look and open up more space for storing clothes.

## CONCLUSION

Regardless of your home improvement aspirations, it's crucial to budget appropriately for your projects. Excessive spending on paint or decorating tools can result in a significant financial burden, especially if these items end up unused. Consider seeking expert advice, particularly in areas such as painting, to ensure optimal results. For the remaining tasks, I trust you'll be able to handle the do-it-yourself aspects with confidence.

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