A walk-in closet with wooden shelving, hanging clothes, and shoes. The closet is organized with various items, including folded clothes, hanging garments, and shoes. A red banner is overlaid on the top part of the image.

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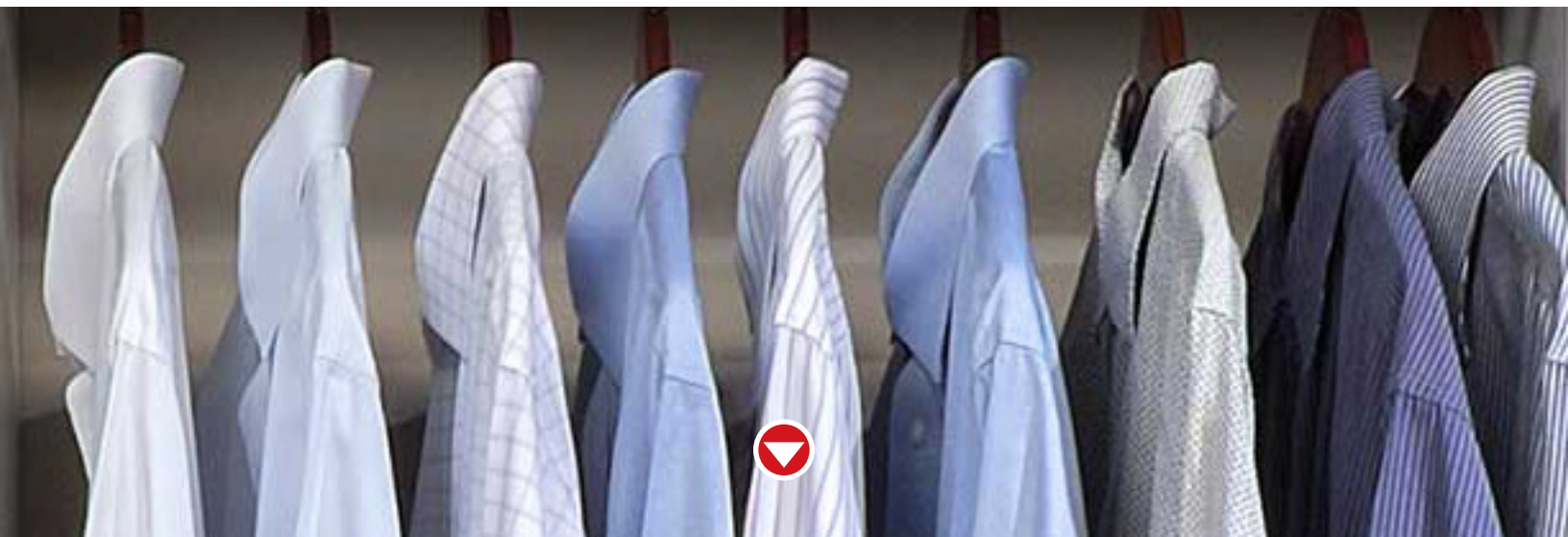
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When you peer into your walk-in closet, you may just see tiny room with rods and perhaps a shelf or two. While you might have been able to make do and store your clothing, shoes and accessories in the closet, you have to admit that it's not the ideal storage solution.

A total closet overhaul might seem overwhelming, but you can have the closet of your dreams by focusing on these five elements:

1 Adequate Hanging Space. The typical closet has a wire rack running along three sides of it. The rack is designed to allow you to hang clothing on hangers. Realistically speaking, however, if you hang clothes on the two parallel sides, it's difficult to access the shelf at the far end of the closet. By installing rods at varying heights, however, you can optimize the space that you have. Try installing a clothing rod three feet under the top rod on one side of your closet. Separates (blouses, skirts, etc) can go here. A three-quarter height bar on the far end of the closet is the perfect place to store pants hung by their hems, and one tall rod on the third side allows you to hang dresses. Think outside the box when it comes to installing clothing rods to allow for maximum storage potential.



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Shelf Space. There are some items that should be stored in the master walk-in closet that can't or shouldn't be hung. These include hats and purses. (Did you know that hanging purses by their straps can wear them out faster than letting them rest on their bottoms?) While the shelf over your head can be convenient for belongings that you don't use often, it can be inconvenient to store regularly used items up high. Instead, consider having sturdy closet shelves put in along one wall. These can be narrow or wide, depending on your preferences, and will come in handy for a variety of uses. You can even add art or photographs to your shelves to personalize your closet further.



3 Drawers. You might think you don't need drawers in your closet; after all, you likely have a perfectly lovely dresser in the main part of your bedroom. Still, it's nice to be able to store items like folded sweaters (you already knew not to hang these, right?), undergarments, hosiery and even hair accessories right in your master bedroom closet. This is particularly helpful for people who have to get up and get dressed before their significant other is even awake; instead of turning on the bedroom light, you can find everything you need right in your closet. A custom closets professional can show you how to make drawers fit if you're having trouble envisioning it.



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Closet Organizers. In addition to clothing, your closet needs to hold shoes, belts, ties, maybe jewelry... and the list goes on. Tossing your shoes on the floor of the closet can lead to flattened footwear. Draping ties and belts over a hanger often results in a pile of these accessories piling up on the floor. Investing in tie racks, belt racks, a jewelry tray, shoe racks, and so on can greatly impact the organization level of your walk-in closet. You can get these in many styles. Even hooks on the wall can help you keep items like belts in one place, so don't feel as though you have to commit to certain types of racks that you don't have room for.



5 Special Touches. Homeowners often forget that custom closets are a part of their home, even if they're kept behind closed doors. Go ahead and splurge on a beautiful chandelier or other special lighting. Maybe a plush carpet will keep your toes warm while you're getting your outfit together in the morning. If you have space, a table or vanity in the closet gives you a place to do your makeup or even enjoy a cup of coffee. The possibilities are endless!

Spend some time looking into all of the ways that you can achieve the walk-in closet of your dreams. If you can't have them all at once, keep track of them in a notebook or on a bulletin board. Little by little, you can accomplish your goal of a well-organized and beautiful walk-in closet.

