

Recipe for

A Clean Coat Closet



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Coat Closet Organization

POWER HOUR

SUPPLIES:

- 2 Trash Bags {for trash + donations}
- Matching Hangers {optional}
- Matching Baskets, Bins or Boxes for Grouping Small Collections {scarves, gloves}
- Labels or Paint Pen {optional}

Step 1: Sort

Remove everything from closet. Lay coats/garments in piles according to owner. Sort gear into piles {gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, umbrellas, etc.}

Step 2: Purge

Throw out anything immediately that is broken, missing a mate, or stained. Place kids' too-small items and unloved odds and ends directly into the donation bag.

Step 3: Evaluate

Now, go back through the piles of coats. Be thoughtful about each item (and be honest with yourself about how much it is worn and/or the condition it is in). If you haven't worn something in several seasons, the chances aren't great that you ever will again; let it go.

Step 4: Replace

Once you've thinned out your collection, rehang the contents making sure that the hangers and the clothes on them are all facing the same direction. Keep grouped by family member.

- Place smaller item groups into designated boxes or bins.
- Ball matching gloves into each other like socks and clip mittens together to keep sets together.
- Roll or file fold scarves.
- Stack hats.

Step 5: Label

If you've decided to label, do that now. (You should if you can, because it is very helpful to let others find things without asking. It also helps family members know where to put things away.)

Step 6: Donate

Finally, take out trash and either schedule a donation pick up or drop your unwanted items off at your favorite donation drop off center.