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CLOSET DESIGN & INSTALLATION WITH ELFA FROM THE CONTAINER STORE

The Customer

Tammy, an ongoing client of Eliminate Chaos, had first-hand knowledge of the amazing results produced when working with our team. After the completion of several projects in her two-bedroom condo, she was ready to tackle a re-design of her master closet. Although Tammy purges her clothing once a year, she found the original closet system in her master closet wasn't functioning for her. Items were being thrown haphazardly on shelving and she did not have enough hanging space to accommodate her wardrobe. The closet door opened directly into hanging space and made it hard to see what was being stored in that area.

Tammy was familiar with the Container Store's ELFA® system and wanted to use it to transform her master closet into something beautiful and functional.



Challenges

Eliminate Chaos was up to the challenge of transforming Tammy's wardrobe and master closet in just two days. Eliminate Chaos quickly helped Tammy review and downsize every category of clothing and accessory she owned. Tammy also had two other closets containing outerwear that needed to be considered when designing her new master closet.

Project Scope

- Recreate the master closet from scratch using The Container Store's ELFA® system.
- Remove, sort and eliminate contents of the closet that were no longer used or needed.
- Remove old shelving and rods and patch the walls.
- Remove the closet door so she had immediate access to the entire closet.
- Measure, design and install a DIY (do-it-yourself) closet system.
- Purchase closet product accessories to store items such as: shoes, bracelets, necklaces and belts.
- Update all hangers so they matched and consumed less space.
- Organize contents in the new closet.

The Solution

Eliminate Chaos developed a plan for the project to be completed in just two sessions.

Preliminary Work

Before arriving at Tammy's home, we knew she wanted to use the ELFA® DIY closet system from The Container Store. Using our customized closet app, Sr. Organizing Specialist – Julie, asked Tammy a series of specific questions regarding her tastes and preferences.

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The Solution - Continued

Organizing Specialist - Emily set up a portable garment rack, removed clothing from the closet and then sorted and hung all of Tammy's clothes on the rack on new matching slim hangers.

Julie and Laura worked with Tammy to make downsizing decisions as they went through all the remaining non-clothing items from the closet and dresser drawers. Items that were no longer used or wanted were set aside for donation or disposed of.

The existing closet rods and shelving were torn out of the closet and the closet door was removed. It was all disposed of by Eliminate Chaos.

An inventory of remaining clothing and accessories was created and measured for use in the design phase.

Design Work

The design of the closet took place at The Container Store with specific input from the Eliminate Chaos team; including:

- Exact closet measurements
- Lineal feet of long and short-hung clothing
- An inventory of the amount of folded items to be placed on shelves and in drawers
- Amount of shoes and accessories to be stored in the closet
- An existing laundry basket to be designed around

Once complete at the store, the final design was e-mailed to Tammy for review and approval.

The final design included:

- 4 deep and 2 shallow drawers
- Plenty of space for the short and long hanging items
- 7 solid "Décor" shelves and 4 ventilated shelves with décor fascia
- A hook for Tammy's robe
- Room to store the laundry basket

Closet accessories were purchased and the ELFA® order was placed and picked up by Eliminate Chaos the same day.

Installation

Eliminate Chaos arrived at Tammy's home with all of the product – ready to install the new system. The walls were measured, holes drilled, and the rails and tracks that act as support for the DIY system were put in place. The ELFA shelves, rods and drawers were assembled and put into place according to the design. Two bamboo shoe racks were also assembled and placed according to plan.



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Organize Closet Contents into the New Closet System

Tammy's clothing was hung, put on shelves, or placed in drawers in the new system, organized by type and color. All shoes were placed on the new shoe racks, organized by type. Long necklaces were placed on a hanging belt organizer and hung on a rod. Shorter necklaces and bracelets were placed on a new felt jewelry organizer and placed on a shelf. Tammy's special wooden clogs were displayed on a shelf for her to see every day. Additional clear sweater and shoe bins were purchased and are available for additional items in the future.

The Results

Tammy's vision of a beautiful and functional master closet is now a reality. Her clothing is organized based on her lifestyle, and she is now able to see and access all of the contents of her wardrobe. She no longer has to open a door, and then shut herself inside her closet to see what clothing she owns!



Why Eliminate Chaos

[Experience. Expertise. Trust. \(Since 2000\).](#)

Eliminate Chaos' clients rely on our Specialists to understand their project vision as well as their lifestyle needs. Through a unique planning questionnaire and client interview, Eliminate Chaos ensures the outcome of the project can be easily maintained by the client. Taking our knowledge for designing a closet one step further, Eliminate Chaos developed a propriety app for smartphones that Specialists use to capture every last detail.

Employees

The Eliminate Chaos team of Organizing Specialists bring a wide range of experience and talent to every client project. They are highly trained Specialists, not generalists and are assigned projects based on their area of expertise. Employees are certified in organizing and hold degrees in related fields.

Leadership

When you work with Eliminate Chaos, you can be assured that the experience and outcome of your project will be formulated through years of experience and a 10-step methodology that was developed by Laura Leist, Chief Organizing Officer, Author and Founder of Eliminate Chaos.

Insurance and Licensing

Eliminate Chaos has the appropriate insurance policies and contractor's license to cover all aspects of the project, including the installation. Most professional organizing companies do not have a contractor's license or proper insurance to complete a project of this nature.

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