

Linen Closet

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If you have to dig through a jumble of mismatched sheets just to find a washcloth, then it's time to take action. "People try to cram everything in," says Laura Leist of eliminatechaos.com. "The closet should be reserved for toiletries, towels, bedding and laundry." Conquer the clutter with these quick fixes.

Stash infrequently needed items, like the guest room comforter, on a high shelf.

Remove store wrappers from products such as toilet paper. Unnecessary packaging takes up valuable space.

Create extra room for towels by putting hooks or bars on the back of the door.

Baskets keep folded sheets neat—store and label by size.

Make shelves work for you—adjust the height to fit tall items like this hamper.



rag time
Once a year ruthlessly go through your linens. Thin, ratty towels can be cut up to make cleaning cloths.



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Shelf Solutions

Keep your linens and things tidy with the right accessories.

flower power

Corral little necessities like soap in a floral bin.

» *Blumz X3 nesting basket*, from \$8, stacksandstacks.com



sweet dreams

A spritz of lavender scent makes sheets smell fresh.

» *Lavender pine linen spray*, \$12, caldrea.com



nesting instinct

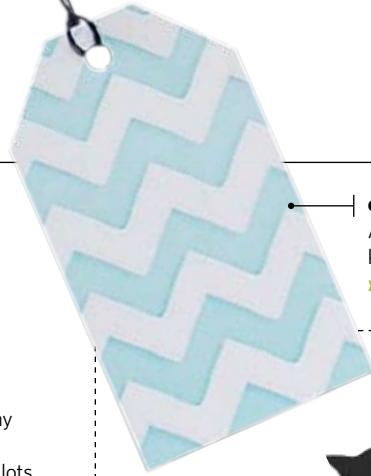
Give dirty laundry a stylish home with a graphic canvas hamper.

» *Umbra crunch can*, \$25, amazon.com



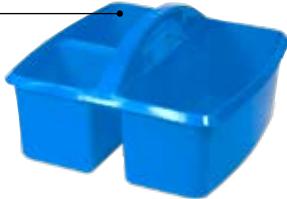


fill 'er up
Big and roomy lightweight baskets hold lots of bedding.
» *Woven nylon baskets, \$25 each, containerstore.com*



order in the house
Attach labels to baskets so the whole family knows where everything goes.
» *Blue zigzag tags, \$6/3, lindaandharriett.com*

compartmentalize it
Stash cleaning supplies in a plastic container that's easy to carry.
» *Utility caddy, \$6, organize.com*



flock together
A chic spot for hanging a robe or extra towel.
» *Birdseye multihook, \$16, umbra.com*