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MASTER CLOSET REMODEL AND DESIGN

The Customer

Lauren, a client who lived in Seattle and was moving to southern California, asked us to work with her contractor in CA to design and oversee the installation of her new closet. Due to Lauren's demanding schedule and social activities, she relied on the Eliminate Chaos team to design and project manage the closet remodel, all from our offices in Seattle. Lauren's vision for her dream closet was once that was custom built by a cabinet maker instead of a closet company.

Challenges

The existing closet space in Lauren's new home in the master suite was not large enough to house her entire wardrobe and shoe and handbag collection. On the other side of the closet wall was a large open sitting space at the stop of the staircase. Lauren's request was to use part of the sitting area and enclose it as an addition to the closet. Working on an extremely tight timeline, we had less than a month to design the closet, receive customer approval, and have the contractor build the closet to our specs.

In addition, (no pun intended), all of the design and project management work was orchestrated with a set of floor plans and the use of FaceTime. The first opportunity to see the closet remodel in person was the day our team flew in to meet the moving truck and unpack and organize her home.



(The new closet addition—converted seating area)

Project Scope

- Discuss vision for closet with client.
- Measure and inventory existing closet contents.
- Inventory and measure shoe collection and heights to ensure the space needed to contain shoe types, such as: flats, pumps, stilettos, running shoes, tall and short boots – was accommodated.
- Review existing floor plans and design new closet spaces.
- FaceTime meetings with contractor to review progress, provide input and answer questions.
- Update all hangers to match and consume less space – prior to packing.
- Pack wardrobe, shoe and handbag collection according to location items will live in new closet.
- Procure closet accessories including bins, drawer dividers and inserts to compartmentalize contents.
- Oversee onsite closet installation modifications.
- Unpack and organize contents in the new closet.
- Accessorize closet with existing items, such as rugs, pillows for the bench seat and a full mirror.

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The Solution

Eliminate Chaos developed and executed an extensive project plan for the closet remodel and relocation and organization of contents.

Preliminary Work

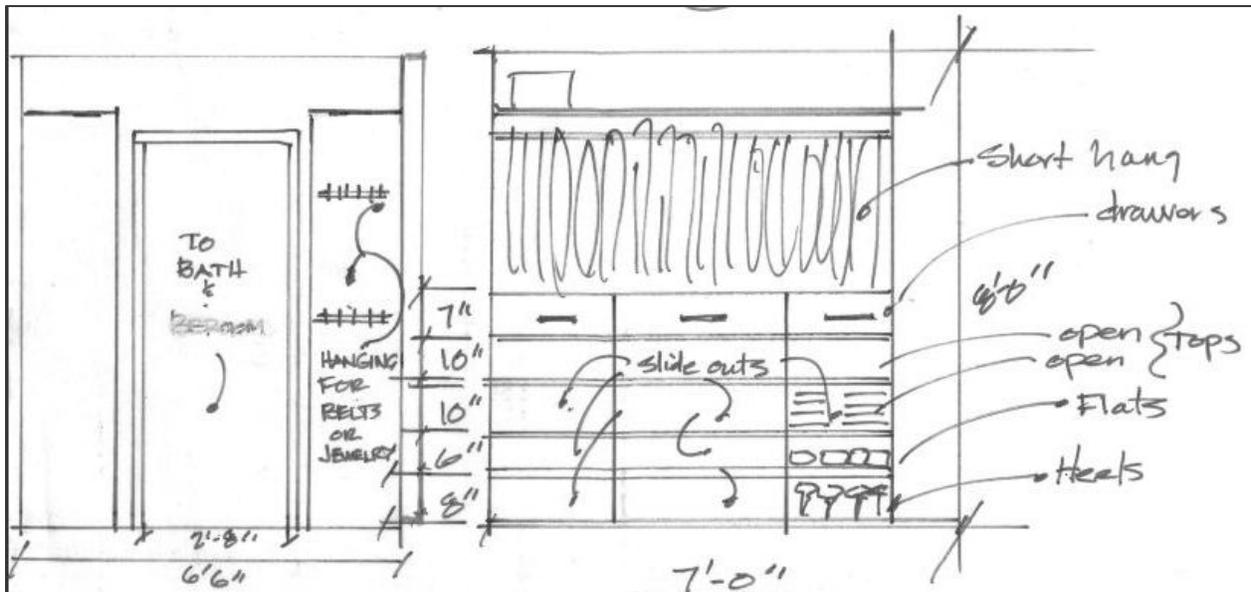
Laura and Cheryl, Designer and Organizing Specialist at Eliminate Chaos met with Lauren at her existing home to discuss her vision for her new master suite closet space. We discussed the types of clothing and shoes she wears most often to ensure the closet was designed with this in mind for quick and easy access. Additionally we reviewed how certain items such as pants and sweaters were to be stored so as to incorporate the appropriate amount of short-hang for pants and pull-out shelves for sweaters. All contents of the closet were inventoried and measured in detail the same day as there was little downsizing needed prior to the move.

Design Work

The closet design was carefully engineered by Cheryl to accommodate Lauren's desire to have specific articles of clothing and shoes easily accessible and in view at all times; including:

- Lineal feet of short, medium and long-hung clothing
- Easy access and viewing of all shoes on full-extension pull-out shoe shelves
- Pull-out sweater shelves that contained short stacks of sweaters two rows deep for easy access
- Enough drawer space to accommodate bras, panties, socks and lingerie

The design sketches were provided to Lauren who only made a couple of minor modifications to Cheryl's design and was then approved for building and installation.



One of several closet drawings

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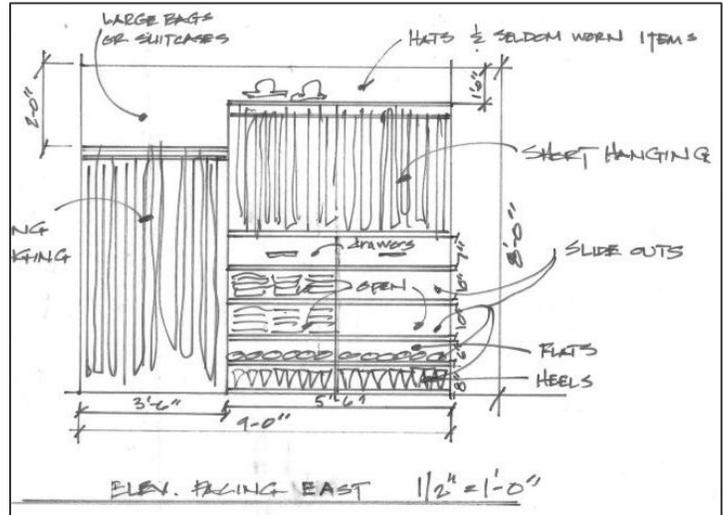
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The final design included:

- 14 full-extension pull-out shoe shelves at various heights to accommodate different shoe types
- 12 full extension pull-out sweater shelves to accommodate sweaters and some athletic wear
- 4 short-hanging sections that ran the length of for different walls
- 1 section of long-hang
- 8 shelf cubbies for tall and short boots
- 12 shelves for handbags and small purses
- 7 drawers to contain bras, panties, socks, lingerie and more
- Valet hooks for daily clothes selection and display



Installation

Much of the installation was performed by the cabinet maker prior to our arrival in California. Once onsite, we requested modifications of the materials used by the cabinet maker to the front of the pull-out shoe shelves, for aesthetic reasons and so clothes would not be snagged.



Organize Closet Contents into the New Closet

Lauren's clothing, shoe and handbag collection was unpacked in phases and loaded into the closet according to the pre-determined location of each category of item. Because we packed her entire home prior to her move, we had the flexibility to pack boxes based on the location each item type would live in the new closet space, thus saving time in California, as Lauren was paying our expenses to be there. Doing as much of the work in Seattle prior to the move drastically reduced our time on the back end. Final touches to the closet included hanging a full-length mirror and adding some temporary finishing touches with existing rugs and pillows until custom ones could be ordered for the space.



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The Results

Lauren arrived at her new 4000+ sq. ft. home on Super Bowl Sunday after our team had worked for a week to unpack and organize her entire home, place all furniture, hang the art, design and install three ELFA® closet systems for her daughters and fill the kitchen with food. She had not seen any of the work our team of eight had completed until she arrived that day. The tears of sheer joy in her eyes when we stepped into the closet to show her how her vision had come to life, was enough to bring tears to our eyes. Lauren gave us each a hug and then quickly found the perfect outfit to wear to a Super Bowl party while we put the finishing touches on her home.



One new section of the closet



**Converted window sitting area...
incorporated into closet**

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.

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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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