MASTER CLOSET REMODEL AND DESIGN USING CLOSET FACTORY

The Customer
Mary Jo and Jim needed a master closet design that would work in their beautifully remodeled home in Bellevue. The new closet needed to fit the specifications of the new space, be attractive and affordable. The original master closet was not working because it was overcrowded with clothing, shoes and accessories that were not easily accessible. Mary Jo and Jim’s vision was a new closet system by Closet Factory.

Challenges
Eliminate Chaos faced the challenge of working a sizable wardrobe into a smaller overall footprint. The closet would be designed around the detailed inventory of clothing and accessories.

Eliminate Chaos had to be flexible and creative as structural and electrical plans continued to change. We did not have control over the scheduling of this project and had to shift its schedule for the project as needed by various contractors.

Client concerns, outside of Eliminate Chaos control, were addressed in the most professional manner, ensuring the client was happy with the final outcome of the closet vendor.

Project Scope
- Remove and sort contents of the original closet and eliminate those no longer worn.
- Measure and inventory remaining clothing, shoes and accessories to insure the new closet was custom designed around Mary Jo and Jim’s belongings.
- Pack off season and extra clothing, shoes and accessories that were not needed during the remodel.
- Work with Mary Jo and Closet Factory designer to create a design that is beautiful and accommodated closet contents, in addition to working within the confines of the architectural drawings and remodel plan.
- Review closet plans with Closet Factory and Mary Jo and make adjustments as needed.
- Create a plan for placement of all clothing shoes and accessories in the new closet system.
- Update all hangers so they matched and consumed less space.
- Unpack and organize clothing, shoes and accessories in new closet.
- Organize Mary Jo’s jewelry into the new built in jewelry cabinet.
The Solution
Eliminate Chaos created a plan to carry out and complete the project in alignment with the overall remodeling schedule.

Preliminary Work
Clothing and accessories from the master closet were sorted by type by Eliminate Chaos Organizing Specialists. Julie, Sr. Organizing Specialist, worked directly with Mary Jo, helping her make decisions on items that would be kept and those that could be donated. Several boxes of items were donated. An inventory of remaining clothing and accessories was created, and items were measured by type for use in the design phase.

Once culled and measured, items were sorted into two categories; items to be packed and moved offsite during the remodel and those to be available. Items Mary Jo and Jim needed access to during the remodel were placed on a portable garment rack and in plastic bins. Items that did not need to be accessible were packed into garment boxes and moving boxes for short-term storage.

Design Work
The design of the closet was a combined effort by Eliminate Chaos and Closet Factory, based on specific client wishes; including:

- Lineal feet of long and short-hung clothing as well as handbags
- A shoe inventory, including the heights of specific shoes/boots and how they would be stored
- Number of belts and ties
- Amount and types of jewelry to be configured and organized into the custom jewelry closet
- An inventory of the amount of folded items to be placed on shelves

The final design included:

- An island with a bench, tall boot storage, belt hooks and six drawers for Mary Jo’s items
- A built-in jewelry cabinet
- Shelves and cubbies for shoes of various styles
- Washer and dryer with cabinet for detergents and iron
- Built-in ironing board
- Ten drawers for Jim’s items
- Counter space and power outlet for Jim’s electronics
- Shelf space for Jim’s folded tee-shirts, sweatshirts, medical scrubs and baseball caps
- Short hanging space for Jim’s casual, work and formal attire
- Two tie racks
- Shelf space for Mary Jo’s handbags
- Short hanging space for Mary Jo’s casual, business and formal tops and pants
- Long hanging space for Mary Jo’s dresses
- Shelf space for Mary Jo’s jeans and casual pants
- Valet hooks for robes
- Three extra drawers for Mary Jo’s exercise and swimwear

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Organize Closet Contents into the New Closet System

All clothing and accessories were placed into the new closet system by Eliminate Chaos Organizing Specialists. Hanging items were arranged and hung by category and color. Drawers were filled and folded items were placed on the shelves. Shoes were arranged by frequency of use and type. Special occasion shoes were placed in clear plastic shoe bins.

The Results

Mary Jo and Jim’s vision of a custom, beautiful and functional master closet is now a reality. They are both able to see and access all of the contents of their wardrobe, and everything fit exactly as planned because of the upfront planning, measurements and inventory. The closet is a beautiful showcase of their remodeled home.
Why Eliminate Chaos


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.