



## Decluttering Your Closet

(NAPSA)—Clearing out your closet and creating a clean and attractive spot for your stuff may be easier and less expensive than you may have feared.

Here are hints that can help:

- **Edit your wardrobe.**

Donate clothing you haven't worn in a year or more, plus anything that no longer fits. When you wear something, return it to the closet with the hanger facing out; at the end of the year, you'll know which items you've never worn.

- **Consider painting your closet interior** a bright color or lining the shelves with pretty wrapping paper. Making your closet prettier and brighter may encourage you to keep it clean and clutter-free.

- **Choose the right hanger.**

*Real Simple Solutions* flocked slim-line hangers can double your closet space and keep clothing from slipping. Indents hold straps in place and accessory bars securely hold belts, scarves or ties.

- **Arrange folded items.**

When folding clothing to store on shelves, place heavier items at the bottom. Arrange garments by function (workout tops together, business tops together) and color (white to nude to bright colors to black). If your closet has no shelves, consider the *Real Simple Solutions* Sweater Organizer. If you have a taller closet, hang it lengthwise; if it's wider, use the side hinge to flip up the bottom shelves so they're side by side. The stretchy side pockets can store belts, scarves, purses or other accessories. Other uses for the item include putting it in the mudroom



A neater closet can be a “shoe in” with the right equipment and a little creativity.

and assigning one section to each family member; organizing your child's outfits for each day of the week; or hanging it in the pantry and stocking it with entertaining supplies such as napkins, place mats and plastic dinnerware.

- **Put your purses away.** A hanging purse organizer lets you store your bags in a safe, space-saving manner. It will also hold rolled towels or linens or help you organize toys and sports equipment.

- **Store shoes.** For everyday shoes, you can use the sturdy *Real Simple Solutions* Shoe & Boot Organizer for easy access. It can hold 18 pairs of shoes in the pockets, plus two pairs of boots. The eight stretchy side pockets can store accessories.