



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
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your guide to a FALL CLOSET SWAP

Make room for boots, sweaters and bulky coats — plus, find extra space even if you only have 20 minutes





DO A DOUBLE EDIT.

Go through clothes and shoes from the season that's just ended—remove anything stained, in need of repair or worn out. Make a second pass through fall/winter clothes as you take them out of storage. Ask yourself, Did I wear this last winter? If not, was it because there was never the right occasion, or do you just not like it? Try on anything you're unsure about before giving it closet space.

ASSESS HOW YOU DRESS.

Make mornings effortless by arranging your closet to suit your style. Really into color? Hang clothes by shade. More monochromatic? Organizing by item type (blouses, tops and dresses together) will help you pull together chic outfits fast.

WINTERIZE YOUR SHOES.

Drop off leather or suede boots at a shoe repair shop for cleaning, waterproofing or new soles. You'll prolong their life, prep them for messy winter weather and save money in the long run.

ID TRANSITIONAL PIECES.

For the first few weeks of fall, you may still want summer clothes. Separate in-between pieces, like lightweight cardigans or a jean jacket. Then pack away things like sundresses, tank tops and shorts, keeping chunky coldweather options in storage until temps dip below 50°F.

EXPAND YOUR CLOSET.

Don't be afraid to make seasonal modifications to your closet setup to help it work better for fall's bulkier pieces. Temporary modular solutions, like a hanging sweater organizer, are a great way to add more shelf space.

GO SALE-ING!

Take note of any summer items that need to be replaced, like ratty jean shorts or beat-up leather sandals. If there's time, hit sales. Otherwise, put a shopping list inside the storage container so it'll be waiting for you when seasons change again.

HOW TO HANG SWEATERS

Conventional wisdom says not to, but sometimes storage limitations require you to break that rule.



White Wood Hangers, from \$10 each, containerstore.com

For heavier knit sweaters,

choose wood or plastic hangers with wide, substantial shoulders or a curved shape to avoid stretching the knit and introducing annoying little hanger bumps.

Your lightest cardigans

can be stored on slim, velvety hangers, whether hung (the clingy texture will help them stay on the hangers without being buttoned) or folded and draped over the hangers' crossbars.



GH Seal holder Huggable Hangers by Joy Mangano, \$60 for 40, *macys.com*