

What COLOR is your... closet?

"What color is my CLOSET?" you may be thinking. What IS she talking about? And what does THAT have to do with being organized?

No, I haven't lost it - not yet anyway.

I'm talking about spaces you look and reach into on a regular basis. Those walls that surround your clothes, or your food if it's the pantry, or your supplies in an office closet.

It's quite possible that you don't ever think about it. It's just a closet. BUT if you would like to have it STAY more organized, the next time you get a chance to work on organizing any closet type space try the "take everything out" method and then take a look at the walls.

Scuffed up white? Sort of like old snow? Inspiring????

And yet those spaces are part of your daily life. There's lots of theory about the effect that color has on our lives. Color is a major player in Feng Shui (as is the location of spaces in your home - which includes your closets.) For more on that see Karen Kingston's Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui.

There are two things about closets that are particularly helpful:

- 1) They are usually smallish spaces so you can transform them pretty quickly.
- 2) They are generally out of the public eye. What this means is that you can paint your closet ANY way that suits your fancy!

If you haven't PLAYED with colors before, a closet is a good place to experiment. See what happens when you look in a closet space and the color you've always loved is there to welcome you. If you share a large closet with a companion you might each paint "your side" of the closet in radically different styles - have FUN with it!

Even if you are renting and there are restrictions on painting the main rooms you may be able to get permission to paint the closet.

What I have found is that colorful closets are easier to keep organized. They become a SPACE that is part of your life instead of a dumping ground. They feel friendly somehow and You WANT them to be orderly!

Okay- enough said. Let me know how it goes.

As always- happy organizing!
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