# START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT WITH AN ORGANIZED CLOSET

My background in cleanliness stems directly from my mother; she has strict cleaning standards. As a kid, if I was being misbehaved or generally just whiny, my mom would have me clean until I had something nice to say. I am extremely stubborn, so this would continue until I would finally cave. Looking back, this is hilarious and taught me great cleaning skills. I moved into my apartment two years ago. While my roommate is generally clean, her quality of cleaning would not be up to my mom's standards. I need a clean space, but I will not clean someone's mess up.

Starting your day the right way is essential to a good and successful day. A messy, unorganized closet creates chaos in your morning routine. Ripping through the clothes seeing old holiday outfits and middle school outfits. Digging in your closet to find a specific pair of shoes when the car is honking outside, or the bus is two minutes away. In a dream world, everyone would have a spacious walk-in closet; unfortunately, that is not the case.

HOW TO:
KEEP YOUR CLOSET CLEAN

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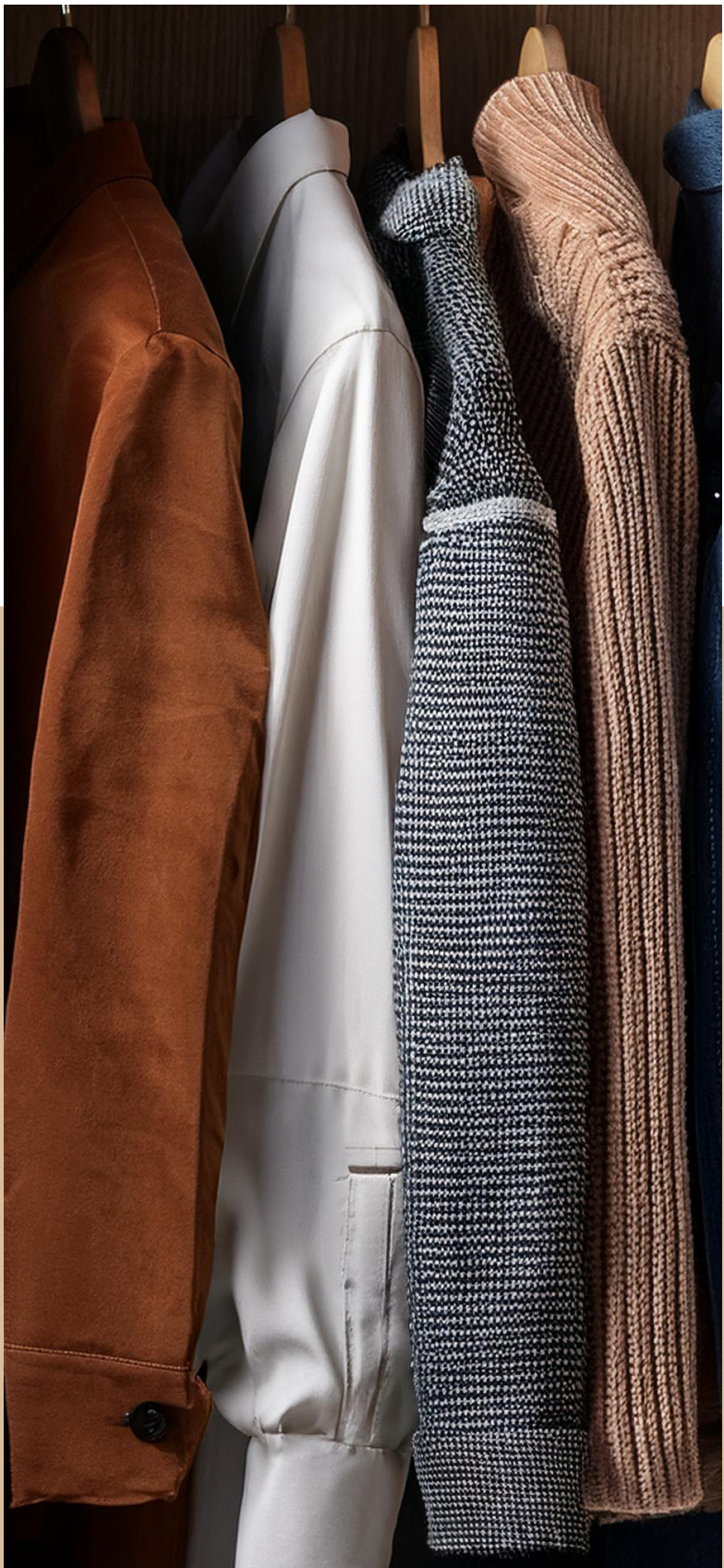
The first step to creating a neat and tidy closet is deciding what clothes to hang up. The order it starts depends on how often you wear the clothes. Let's pretend you wear business casual to work, so all your work clothes (shirts, sweaters, blouses) should be organized by type and color coordinated. Directly next to that are the basics/essentials, which are color-coordinated and sorted. Leaving the ends close to the wall for the occasional wear like fancy holiday outfits and bulky jackets.

Now, let's look down and utilize the floor space. This could be with a small dresser to fit pajamas, pants, or shorts/skirts. On top of the dresser is room for shoes that can be tucked away, or instead, use a shoe rack underneath the hanging clothes. Now, let's see if there is room for overhead storage above the clothing rack. Put large items like a bin for miscellaneous items, sweatshirts, or more pants. Again, these should be organized in color-coordinated order and by type. I like to keep sweatpants and sweatshirts folded and stacked based on color. Now, take a step back and look at the closet. Is there anything that has not fit in your closet? Maybe hats, purses, or accessories? This can be a perfect time to add hooks to the door and hang up hats or display purses; anyway, why wouldn't you want to showcase your hats?