

The Ultimate Closet Planning Checklist

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Before You Start

Planning a custom closet? Whether you're working with a designer or just dreaming about possibilities, this checklist will help you think through everything you need to consider.

Work through it at your own pace. Bring it to your consultation and we'll pick up right where you left off.

Assess what you own

☐ Inventory your wardrobe

- Count your hanging items, long and short
- Count folded items: sweaters, jeans, t-shirts
- Count shoes and bags
- Count accessories: belts, ties, jewelry, scarves

☐ Identify what's not working

- Not enough hanging space?
- Wasted vertical space?
- Items always ending up on the floor?
- Can't see what you own?
- Clothing getting damaged?

☐ Note what *is* working

- Any current features you'd want to keep?
- Organizational habits that serve you well?

Measure Your Space

You don't need to be precise. Rough numbers are enough to start a useful conversation.

- ☐ **Width**, wall to wall: _____ inches
- ☐ **Depth**, front to back: _____ inches
- ☐ **Height**, floor to ceiling: _____ inches
- ☐ **Doorway width**: _____ inches
- ☐ **Note any obstacles**

- Light switches
- Outlets
- Vents
- Sloped ceilings
- Windows
- Doors, and which way they swing

Pro tip: Take photos of your empty closet from several angles. They're surprisingly helpful when discussing designs later.

Design Preferences

Style choices

☐ **Finish preference**

- ☐ White or cream
- ☐ Natural wood tones
- ☐ Gray tones
- ☐ Dark or espresso
- ☐ Not sure yet

☐ **Door style**

- ☐ Flat and modern
- ☐ Shaker
- ☐ Raised panel or traditional
- ☐ No preference

☐ **Hardware style**

- ☐ Knobs
- ☐ Pulls and handles
- ☐ A mix
- ☐ No preference

Must-have features

☐ **Hanging needs**

- ☐ Double hanging for short items
- ☐ Long hanging for dresses and coats
- ☐ A dedicated suit or blazer section

☐ **Storage needs**

- ☐ Built-in drawers
- ☐ Adjustable shelving
- ☐ Shoe storage and racks
- ☐ Accessory storage: jewelry, ties, belts
- ☐ Hamper or laundry

☐ **Special features**

- ☐ Full-length mirror
- ☐ Integrated lighting
- ☐ Island or center storage
- ☐ Seating area
- ☐ Safe or lockable storage

Planning Questions

How you actually live

☐ Who uses this closet?

- Just you?
- Shared with a partner?
- Will the needs change as kids grow?

☐ How do you get ready?

- Quick grab-and-go?
- Leisurely outfit planning?
- Dressing for very different occasions?

☐ What's your organizational style?

- Everything visible?
- Items hidden behind doors?
- Highly categorized?
- Flexible and casual?

☐ Do you have seasonal storage needs?

- Rotate wardrobes?
- Store off-season items elsewhere?

Practical considerations

☐ Rough budget range

- ☐ Under \$3,000
- ☐ \$3,000 to \$6,000
- ☐ \$6,000 to \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,000+

- ☐ Not sure yet, or flexible

☐ **Timeline**

- ☐ As soon as possible
- ☐ Within 1 to 3 months
- ☐ Planning a future project
- ☐ Flexible

Ready for the Next Step?

You've done the preparation. Now let's bring your vision to life.

Schedule a **free in-home consultation** and we'll:

- Measure your space precisely
- Go through your checklist answers together
- Share design ideas and possibilities
- Provide a detailed, written quote

There's no obligation, and no pressure.

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About Diseño Closets

For over 35 years, Delia Bornshtein has been designing custom closets for Twin Cities homeowners. Every project is personal, every design is custom, and every closet is built to last a lifetime.