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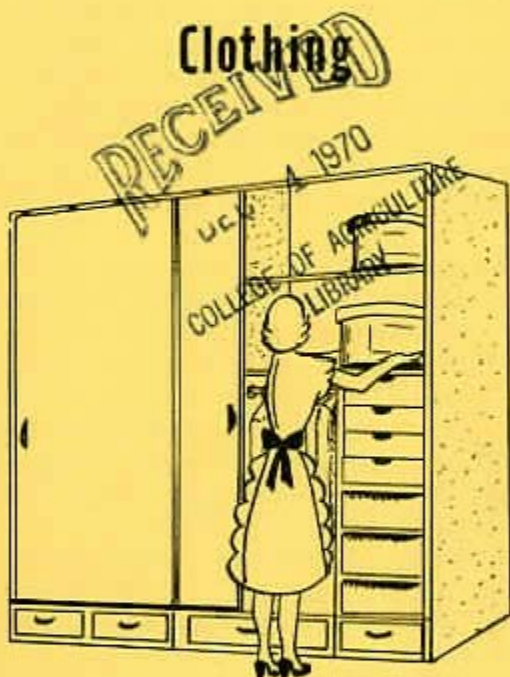
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## Clothing



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**CLOTHING STORAGE CLOSETS**

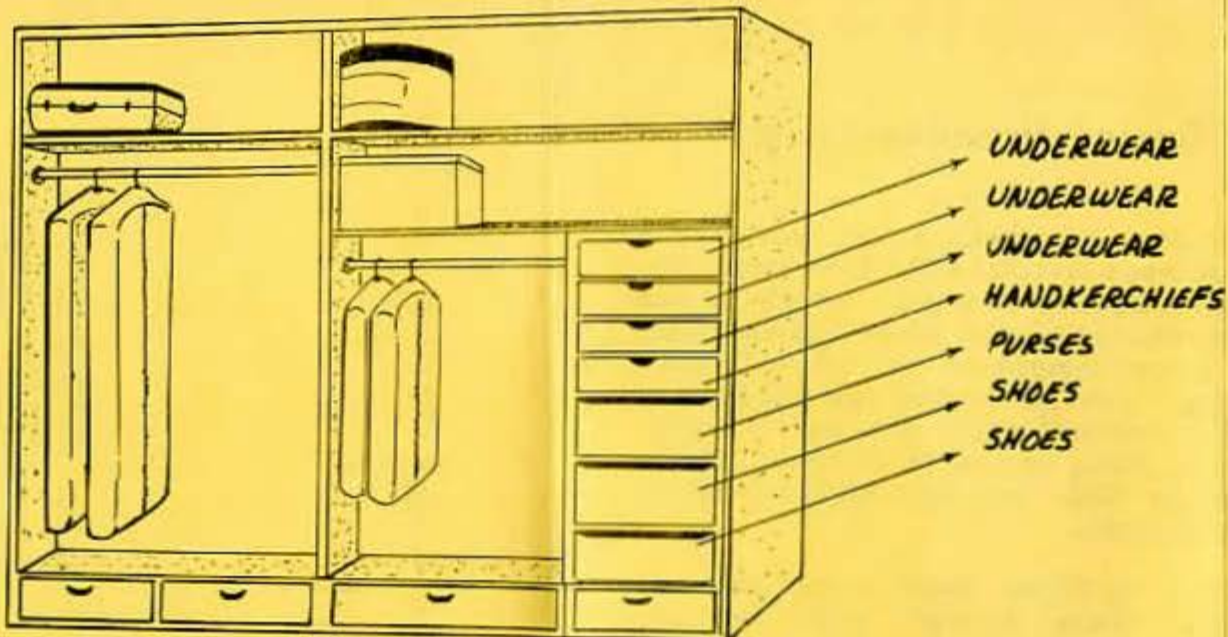
"Not enough closet space" is the number one pet peeve of women. Even in the remodeled White House, it is reported, the First Lady found that planners had not provided for the necessary wardrobe space.

A closet that fits the clothes to be hung in it will make storage and house-keeping easier. Racks at various and adjustable heights use space to full advantage and make the closet more flexible in arrangement as needs change. Make sure the closet is deep enough to take care of all garments on hangers. A minimum depth of 24 inches will take care of even heavy coats.

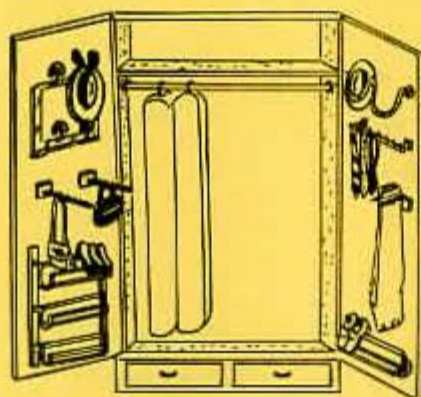
Individual needs determine the best width for clothing closets. Calculate your needs from the dimensions given on Page 4.

Space saving sliding doors on overhead tracks give maximum and convenient use of storage areas. The rods then can be parallel with the opening which makes all garments easily seen and reached. Place vents in doors to prevent development of mold and odors.

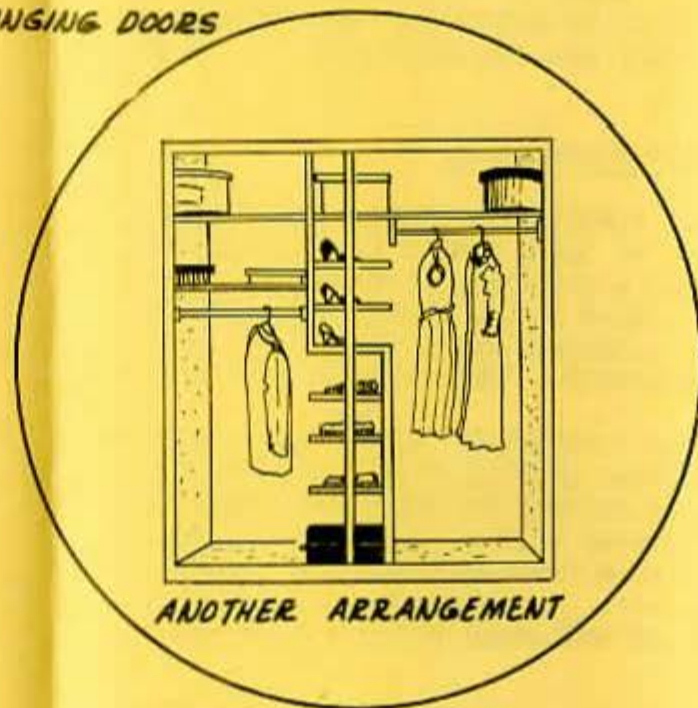
Carefully planned fittings will help keep clothing in good condition, and closet in order. Boxes for hats and bags for clothing protect from dust too. Drawers or trays for underwear, sweaters, hose, socks, handkerchiefs, scarfs and even shoes provide "easy reach" and "easy see" storage. If swinging doors are used there are many possibilities of using the inside of the door itself for special storage needs.



*USE EITHER SLIDING OR SWINGING DOORS*



*USEFUL STORAGE ON SWINGING DOORS.*



*ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT*

For further information call on or write your County Extension Agents.

**RECOMMEND DIMENSIONS FOR CLOTHING STORAGE**

Depth, minimum..... 24 inches

Width, minimum per person 48 inches

Depth of shelves..... 12 inches

Average rod space per garment:

- Misc. garments, women's 2 inches
- Misc. garments, men's 2 1/2 inches
- Heavy coats..... 4 inches

Height of rods:

- Adult's clothing, general 63 in.
- Evening gowns, robes 72 in.
- Clothing for children, 45 in.
- Suits & jackets for adults

Distance between rod and shelf above . . . . . 2 1/2 inches

Distance between closet hooks . . . . . 7 inches

\*Adapted from Storage Space Research at University of Illinois, August, 1952

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(2) Store articles used most often in your "Easy Reach" work area; and those used a little less often in the

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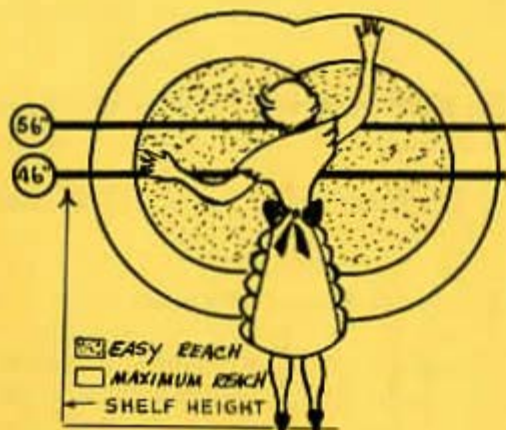
### Find Your Own Best Work Areas

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The height of the work surface should be comfortable too. This height should make it possible for you to maintain good posture, stand in a relaxed position and work without stooping or raising the hand above the level of the elbow. A counter where your hands work on or near the surface should be higher than that where long handled tools are used—for example, for vegetable preparation, dishwashing, etc. A counter 4 to 6 inches lower depending on your height and arm length will make it more comfortable to use mixing spoons, egg beaters, etc.

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