



Organize your linens by purpose, color, and weight

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It doesn't take much time to organize a linen closet so that you can find everything you need.

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In most homes, the linen closet is one of the most used, yet most neglected, storage spaces. It's too easy to shove sheets, towels, and blankets into what is typically a rather small space, eventually becoming a cluttered mess.

At some point, the wads of once-useful fabric fill the space to capacity, falling out when you open the closet door. In just a little time, you can organize your linens and establish some habits to keep them organized.

This easy process from [Real Simple](#) can get you started:

1. **Sort your linens**, deciding which ones to keep and which to toss or donate. Keep no more than three sets of sheets and towels per person in your household (one set being used, one in the laundry, and one ready for use). Any more is clutter.
2. **Organize your "keepers."** Divide linens into groups of like items: sheet sets, towel sets, bed covers, table and other dining linens. Sort sheets, towels and bed covers by bedroom, and consider assigning a color to each bedroom to make putting linens away quicker and easier. (Storage tip: use a pillow case to keep sheet sets together.) Sort table linens by season or holiday or color - whatever makes most sense to you and your family.
3. **Assign closet space.** Store less-frequently-used items on the harder-to-reach top shelves, like extra pillows and blankets. If the space is especially small, consider storing these items in [space-saver bags](#) that remove the air and compress fluffy linens flat. Store other items by room or type: Master Bedroom, Guest Room, Kids' Room, OR King Sheets, Queen Sheets, Bath Towels, Beach Towels, etc.
4. **Label closet shelves.** Adding labels will help you and your family put clean linens back where you've decided they belong. If you elect to store items in baskets or bins, label them as well.
5. **Store linens with air circulation in mind.** It's easy for linens to become crowded and musty, so organize your stacks, baskets, or bins to provide some air circulation, assuring they smell fresh when you use them.
6. **Keep cleaners and toiletries together.** If you use your linen closet to store additional items like cleaning supplies, personal toiletries, and facial and toilet tissue, designate and label space for these as well. Since many of these items are small enough to become clutter, consider keeping bottles, tubes, and similar items in baskets or bins as well.

For more ideas and details to organize your linen closet, go to:

- [Family Circle](#)
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And, to see how the step-by-step process works, watch this [YouTube video](#).