## Declutter the Closet-Simple Checklist

Earlier I posted a flow chart (external link here) you can use to declutter your closet. (link to post here) I thought it would be helpful to create an easy to use closet organizing checklist that helps folks establish a routine and maintain that closet.

I know the feeling. You go to the closet a few months after you reorganized it only to find it cluttered again. What happened to that neat and tidy closet you decluttered a few months ago? How did it get this way again? Let me tell you that maintaining an organized closet does take some maintenance. But not hours. Just a few minutes each month and you will be on your way to an organized closet with your favorite wardrobes at your fingertips! Let's go through the list:

1. Each family member takes ownership of their own closets. Make it a family affair!
2. Declutter one closet at a time.
3. Take everything out and place the items on the bed by clothing type: shoes, blouses/shirts, trousers/pants, dresses, skirts etc....
4. Sort clothing by: what you wear and love by work and play, what is worn/dated-toss, what doesn't fit-donate, what you don't wear-donate.

Time to Reorganize!

Don't keep clothing that you don't love and wear often. Toss worn items and donate pieces that don't fit. Don't fall into the trap of keeping clothing in hope that you will be able to wear them in the future.

Now, section off your closet into categories:

1. Blouses, sweaters, casual shirts-long and short sleeve and tank tops together in one section.
2. Skirts in one section.
3. Pants of all kinds in another section.
4. Suits and fine garments in another section.
5. Dresses have their own section.
6. Lingerie, sleepwear in another section.
7. Shoes by type. I have an over the door shoe organizer for my shoes and I put my boots on the floor.
8. You can also make a section for your favorite outfits.

Tip, after you wear an item, hang the hanger backwards so that you have an idea of what you truly wear and don't wear! You will be able to tell at a glance.