

the ultimate master suite

Spacious but short on storage, a cluster of rooms raises its game with off-the-rack additions.

Space does not always equal storage, but it does offer potential. This airy master suite was a generous-size blank canvas just begging to be put to work. A retail-savvy designer tackled the bedroom, bath, and closet, optimizing each room while minding a tight budget.

A bevy of tower-style bookcases replaces traditional bedroom furniture. Four cases and a connecting bridge shelf combine with wall-mount lamps to form a modern headboard wall. The existing window seat gained new function when a hinged top was added. Floating shelves flank a window and add architectural dimension and display space.

In addition to fresh paint and new hardware, the bath received numerous little storage upgrades. New mini towel racks were created from cabinet hardware. Wire basket inserts inside the vanity corral supplies, while more wire baskets near the tub stash extra towels and sponges.

The master closet reorganization makes it possible to serve the needs of two people. A revised arrangement of single and double hang bars now clearly sorts shirts, pants, jackets, and dresses. Built-in shelves are designated for folded casual wear, and hanging canvas drawers hide underwear and workout clothes. Storage bins on a top shelf are handy for out-of-season clothes, with everything clearly labeled for convenience and easy access.

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The platform bed base was created from three bookcases and two joined slabs of hardwood plywood. Four additional cases and a bridging plank form a wall-to-wall storage headboard. The entire unit offers 35 cubbies, which are fitted with a mix of baskets, drawers, and doors.





Shelving units laid horizontally, *above, far left*, form a platform for the bed. When a basket is removed, you gain access to hideaway storage for long items, such as wrapping-paper rolls, yoga mats, and even skis.

Drawer units, *above left*, slide into bookcase cubbies. Spring-loaded drawer dividers add another level of organization, keeping pairs of socks separate.

Baskets, *above*, under the platform bed store gift-wrapping supplies and slide neatly into divided cubbies.

The window seat, *left*, was updated to include storage under a hinged top. A contractor finished the interior, creating a home for bulky items such as sports equipment, comforters, and off-season boots.

A new bedroom chair and ottoman, *opposite*, elevate a wasted corner into a cozy reading spot. Floating shelves mounted behind the chair and in the corners display books and accessories.





One versatile style of wire basket in several sizes performs many organizing tasks in this bath.



Wire baskets, *opposite*, dangle above the bathtub and keep linens and sponges nearby. Repurposed glass kitchen jars and a fishbowl hold bath salts and soaps on the tub ledges.

A bamboo caddy and tray, *below*, streamline the vanity top, holding daily-use cosmetics, swabs, and cotton balls. Installing an outlet on the cabinet base eliminates the need to stretch power cords for hair dryers and curling irons from other areas of the room.

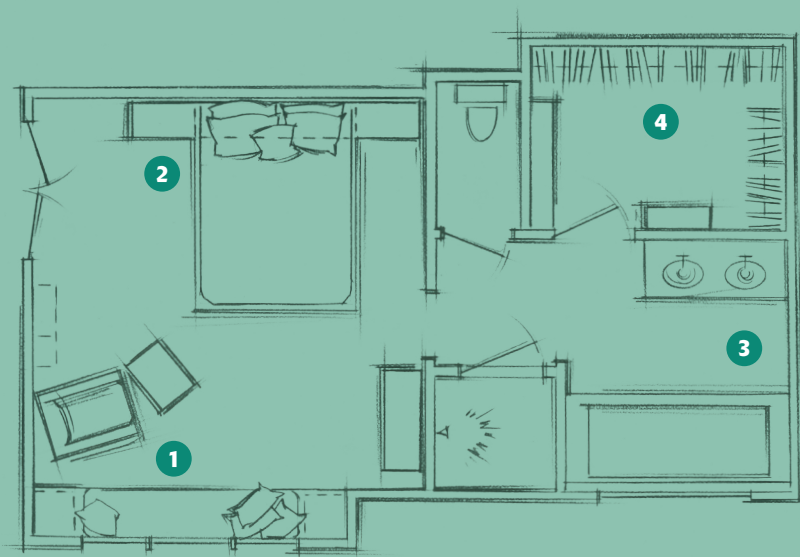
Bars with repositionable hooks, *right*, support baskets of towels and scrubbing tools.

Miniature towel racks, *below right*, made from pull-bar cabinet hardware mounted to a strip of wood keep the vanity area clear.

Inside the vanity, *bottom right*, stacking wire baskets divide items for toiletries, paper products, and cleaning supplies. A battery-powered LED light and striped vinyl shelf liner brighten the space.







in the zone

Simple solutions and savvy shopping maximize the potential of this spacious master suite.

1 relax

A window seat, chair, and ottoman offer a comfortable place to unwind. Floating shelves and a side table hold books, magazines, and decorative accents.

2 stash

Tower-style shelf units are configured as a bed platform and headboard wall. A mix of open and closed cubbies, drawers, and baskets ensures a place for everything.

3 groom

Coordinated wire baskets stack and hang throughout the bath, bringing order to two bathers' toiletries, bathing essentials, and linens.

4 dress

Divided into zones by garment type and season, the reorganized closet utilizes different hangers for each homeowner.

Double hanging bars, *opposite*, in the master walk-in closet aid in organizing and color-coordinating jackets, shirts, and pants. Canvas drawers hook onto a section of the lower bar and organize underwear and socks. Labeled canvas bins on the upper shelf store out-of-season clothes.

Wire dividers, *above, far left*, slip onto shelves to stabilize purses.

A retractable tie rack, *above left*, is mounted to the side of a built-in that houses folded clothing.

A station for finishing touches, *above*, smartly combines inexpensive elements including a strip of hooks for necklaces and a mirror. A repurposed letter tray and small desk lamp sit atop a stack of ready-to-assemble shoe risers.

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