



"Enjoy the process of slowing down and going through the rituals of being a woman," designer Gray Walker says. "A curvy, elegant mirror at the vanity and good makeup brushes make it a luxurious time." Leave your cherished personal jewelry pieces in the care of vintage ceramic dishes.



A crystal chandelier and a Lucite chair amp up the glam in this closet by designer Gray Walker. A center packing island brings big function in an artful way; art and accessories inject the charm.

Oyster-blue walls bring beauty to the closet of designer Gray Walker's client in Charlotte, North Carolina. "They're soothing and add a nice pop of color to the bedroom, which is off-white," Walker says. But amazing function hides under all that beauty. In her closet designs, Walker organizes clothing by length and color, measuring everything in linear feet for accuracy. She also includes a separate shelving unit for shoes, ample drawers, and a vanity area for at-home spa moments.

While the dressing closet helps the homeowner look good, Walker's design makes the space equally appealing. "My client's clutches are organized, for example," she says, "but in a way that makes them showpieces." They're arranged in a staggered mix of shape, color, and texture for an interesting display that keeps each bag clearly visible and immediately accessible.

Walker personalizes her closets with photographs, favorite art, and flowers. But a place for ultimate intimacy among the fashion collections takes top priority. She honors the private nature of the dressing closet in her designs. "It's your private sanctuary where you can reinvent yourself, playing with clothes and trying new styles that will define you," she says. "It can be your own little shrine, decorated with pieces that are nostalgic and remind you of childhood." ■

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