

Supply Closet

I'm a big collector. I like lots of stuff. However, I live in a late 19th century farm house and old houses are not famous for having lots of closets or storage space. So I am always looking for new ways to stay organized.

I own dozens and dozens of napkins (surprise). I try to buy several of each style so I have enough for a large dinner party. The problem is where to store them and yet have them easily accessible. What good are linens if they aren't right at your fingertips (no pun intended)? I found the perfect solution in a canvas shoe bag that hangs from a closet rod.



Not only does it keep shoes off the floor, each compartment can hold more than 12 napkins depending on the weight of the fabric.

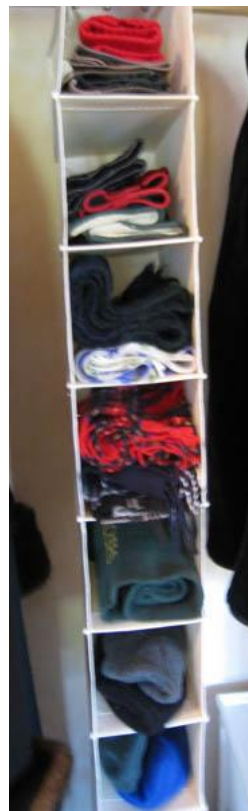
It's the perfect solution. I can see what I have in an instant and freshly ironed napkins stay neat.



Another thing that is difficult to keep organized is hats, gloves and scarves. My husband wears baseball caps and has quite the collection of his own. They end up in a messy basket on the closet floor.



The shoe bag can do double duty as a hat rack and works for winter accessories as well. Who hasn't misplaced a glove or scrambled for a child's mitten just as the bus was coming down the road? No more missing pieces when family members have their own cubby hole.



If you are having guests overnight for the holidays, fill up the shoe bag with toiletries and towels. This is an especially good idea if your guests have to share the bathroom. Hang the bag in guest closet and create a little private spa. It works if you share the WC with roommates too.

