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ON THE COVER

Empty-nesters upsize on style and storage in their new, smaller home. Story, page 70. Photography by Michael Graydon.

Dressed to Thrill



THREE DREAM CLOSETS PROVE THAT
FUNCTION IS ALWAYS IN FASHION.

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Closet No. 2

ORGANIC MODERN

A HIS-AND-HERS ROOM WITH A VIEW.

Using a room originally intended as a bathroom, designers Amy Kent and Ryan Martin of Croma Design created a light-filled closet in this 2,000-square-foot Toronto condo. "The homeowners purchased the condo pre-construction and loved the idea of having a window in the closet, so we worked with the developer," says Kent. For the owners, who reside in London, and use this space when in town on business, the closet's open, modular design accommodates their short-term, hotel-style living and lets them showcase beautiful items.



EASY ACCESS ^

Angled shoe racks pull out for best access, and narrow drawers are designed for smaller items, like scarves and socks. "They also have dividers for items like ties, jewelry and belts," says Kent. And all the closet components can be removed and reassembled elsewhere if they move.

STORAGE STATS

- **Size** 105 square feet
- **Plan** Modular his-and-hers units on either wall with at-a-glance storage of everything from bags to shirts
- **Materials** Walnut cabinetry; stainless steel hanging rods and toe kicks; smoked oak floors
- **Best feature** With no visible doors, the open, retail-style display with walnut back wall makes this closet unique. "You feel like you're in a high-end department store as opposed to someone's walk-in closet," says Kent.



THE ART OF DISPLAY ^

Drawer components create a dresser that offers space for socks and lingerie. Raising the elements on a low platform creates an architectural look and gives a sense of containment. "It's not a place to cram things in," says Kent. "It's a place to display things beautifully." *Flooring, Floorworks; baskets, Bamboula; hangers, Ikea; most clothing, Gap.*

< LIGHT TOUCH

Natural light sets off the clean-lined components, like open shelves, walnut wall panels and mitred stainless steel clothing rods, all of which enhance the boutique-shop style. Woven baskets and a kilim rug add organic flavour. *Closet manufacturer, Poliform through Interior Elements; rug, Elte; handbags, Hermès.*

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