

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE Give these projects a try if you're a confident DIYer with a good working knowledge of a variety of tools. They can take a day or more to complete. If you can build a birdhouse or install a ceiling fan, your skill level is probably appropriate.

✓ MATERIALS

- Level
- Drill with Driver Bit
- Phillips and Flat-head Screwdrivers
- Pencil
- Ladder
- Stud Finder
- Bolt Cutter or Hack Saw (for cutting shelves)
- Fasteners (dependent on wall type: drywall, paneling, concrete, masonry)
- Wire Closet Organizer Components:
 - Horizontal hang tracks
 - Vertical standards (supports) and brackets
 - Wire shelves, closet rods, shelf caps
 - Accessories (drawers, shoe racks) as needed

Is your closet a mess? Wire shelving is a great way to organize a closet and keep it clutter-free. These instructions will teach you how to install a wire closet organization system. But before you install a system, you should have a plan. Watch our *How to Design a Closet Organizer* video at [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos) for tips on designing your closet storage system. The entire process can be completed in one weekend.

PREPARE THE CLOSET

- 01 Remove all items from the closet.**
- 02 Remove all installed shelving and hanging bars.**
- 03 Fill holes in wall with spackle compound. Paint if desired.**
 - For tips on repairing holes in drywall, watch *Prepping Paint Surfaces* at [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos).
- 04 Remove doors as needed to make more space to work.**

INSTALL HANG TRACKS (as high as possible)

TIP: Allow at least 10" from the ceiling for easier access with tools.

- 01 Use a stud finder to locate the center wall stud and mark it.**
- 02 Align the center hole of the hang track with the center wall stud, if possible.**

TIP: If there is no stud behind a hole, attach the track using toggle bolts. Mark the location of the track holes on the wall, and drill the appropriate size holes to insert the toggles. For additional strength, toggle bolts should be installed 8" apart.

- 03 Drill a screw directly through the hole and into the stud.**



- 04 Use a level to verify that the hang track is horizontal.**

- 05 Measure 16" from the center hole to the next stud, either left or right and attach the track by installing screws through the holes into the studs.**

IMPORTANT

Before you begin this project, read the manufacturer's instructions. And follow all local building codes. If you're not comfortable installing your closet organizer, call a professional for help.

INSTALL STANDARDS AND SHELVES

TIP: Most wire shelving is available in 12" and 16" depths and 4', 6', 8', and 12' lengths. Make sure you've selected the appropriate shelving and standards before continuing.

TIP: Lowe's can cut your wire shelving to any length you need.

01 Slip vertical standards onto horizontal hang tracks at intervals of 8" to 24" (depending on strength required; 16" is typical). End standards should be no more than 4" from each end of the shelf. Do not secure the standards to the wall yet.

02 Install shelving brackets into the standards.

03 Use a bolt cutter or hack saw to cut shelving to appropriate length. If possible, cut shelving from the end that will be closest to the walls. Cut in the center between the wires or vertical spacers on the front tip to allow for end caps.

04 Place the shelving into the brackets and snap into position.

TIP: If two shelves will meet at a corner, place them at the same height on the standards, cutting one shelf the length of its wall and cutting the other to fit snugly against it at a horizontal 90° angle.



INSTALL RODS

01 Snap closet rod supports into the shelving.

02 Install one rod support at the end of each shelf. If more than 36" apart, install an additional rod support between the ends to avoid sagging.

03 Snap the closet rods into the supports.

04 Place closet rod caps on the ends to keep hangers from sliding off.



FINISH UP

01 Plumb the standards and screw them to the wall at the lowest hole on the standard.

If screwing into drywall, be sure to use drywall anchors.

02 Install other accessories following the manufacturer's instructions:

- Shoe rack
- Hamper kit
- Sliding drawers and baskets
- Hooks for clothing

03 Install shelf caps.



That's it! Now you can replace things in your closet – and enjoy the extra space you've made by installing your own wire closet organization system. For other installation videos and instruction sheets including how to install a laminate closet organizer, check out the other projects at [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos).

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