

**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

- Hammer
- Level
- Phillips Screwdriver
- Flat-head Screwdriver
- Drill with Drill Bits
- Masking Tape (optional)
- Shopping Bag (optional)
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Ladder
- Hack Saw (for cutting rods)
- Circular Saw (optional, for cutting top shelves)
- Fasteners (depending on wall type: drywall, paneling, concrete, masonry)
- Laminate Closet Organizer Components:
  - Corner unit
  - Tower unit
  - Expandable rods
  - Shelves
  - Accessories (drawers, shoe racks) as needed

Whether you have an extensive wardrobe or just need more space for your things, consider a closet organizer. These instructions will show you how to install an attractive and functional laminate organization system. Before you begin, you should design your system. For designing instructions, watch *How to Design a Closet Organizer* at [Lowe.com/Videos](http://Lowe.com/Videos). Then follow these steps to install your laminate closet organization system with minimal time and expense.

### PREPARE THE CLOSET

- 01 Remove all items from the closet.**
- 02 Remove all installed shelving.**
- 03 Fill holes in wall with spackle compound. Paint if desired.**
  - For tips on repairing holes in drywall, watch *Prepping Paint Surfaces* at [Lowe.com/Videos](http://Lowe.com/Videos).
- 04 Remove doors as needed to make more space to work.**
- 05 Mark the walls as needed for placement.**



### INSTALLING A CORNER UNIT

**TIP:** The corner unit can sit against the baseboard or the baseboard can be removed prior to installation so the cabinets can be installed flush against the walls. Just cut the baseboards to fit after the cabinets have been installed.

- 01 Place the unit in the corner.**
- 02 Position the L-brackets on the wall below the top shelf inside each unit, with the short end flush against the wall and the long end flush against the unit.**
- 03 Attach brackets to the wall:**
  - Mark the hole locations on the wall.
  - Drill 1/4" holes.
    - TIP:** Tape a bag below the drill to catch drywall dust.
  - Insert wall anchors.
  - Screw the brackets into the anchors.

**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.

### INSTALLING A CORNER UNIT (cont.)

#### 04 Attach the corner unit to the brackets.

- Use a 1/16" drill bit to drill 1/4" deep pilot holes through the outermost hole of the L-bracket.

**TIP:** Measure 1/4" from the tip of the drill bit and mark it with a piece of masking tape to indicate how deep to drill.

- Attach the cabinet to the bracket with the included screws through the pilot hole.



### INSTALLING A TOWER UNIT

Follow directions for installing the corner unit (above).

### INSTALL EXPANDABLE RODS

#### 01 If your hanging space is less than 27" wide, cut the rods to length with a hacksaw (rods usually expand from 27"-48").

**Caution:** Do NOT cut the end with the mounting hole.

#### 02 Use wall anchors and screws to attach the cleats that support the set rods on the walls.

- For single-hang rods:
    - Attach the cleat measuring from the floor to the bottom of the cleat 66" above the floor.
    - Fasten one rod bracket even with the top edge and front of the cleat. Fasten the other bracket to the leading edge of the cabinet, 69" from the floor to the top of the bracket.
- TIP:** Drill 1/16" pilot holes to make installation easier.

- For double-hang rods:
  - Attach the lower cleat 39-1/4" above the floor.
  - Attach the upper cleat 80-1/4" above the floor.
  - Fasten rod brackets with screws flush with the top and near the front edge of each tower.



### INSTALL SHELVES

- 01 Install shelf supports in the towers at the desired height.
- 02 Install the shelves.  
**TIP:** To change shelf height, remove the supports and reposition the shelf.
- 03 If needed for additional storage, install top shelves.
  - Cut shelves to size with a circular saw.
  - Attach shelf cleats to cabinets and walls, as needed.
  - Set the shelves in place.

### INSTALL SHOE ORGANIZER

- 01 Assemble the cabinet following manufacturer's instructions.
- 02 Install the organizer to replace shelves following the manufacturer's instructions.

### INSTALL DRAWERS

- 01 Assemble drawers following the manufacturer's instructions.
- 02 Attach drawer glides to drawers using pre-drilled holes on each side. Make sure the roller on each side is positioned to the outside and near the back of the drawer.
- 03 Attach the drawer rails to the tower units using pre-drilled holes. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for placement of additional drawers, if required.
- 04 Insert the drawer glides into the drawer rails.



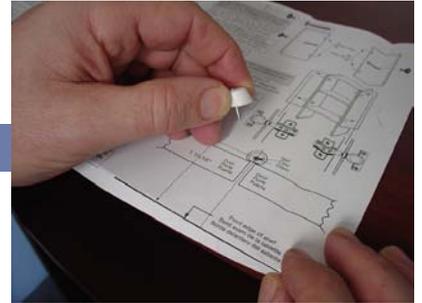
### INSTALL DOORS

- 01 Attach hinge plates, in pre-drilled holes inside the tower unit.
- 02 Push the hinge bosses (guides) into the pre-drilled holes on the inside of the doors and tighten the screws.



**INSTALL DOORS (cont.)**

- 03 Attach the door handles to the front of the doors.**
- 04 Place the hinge bosses over the hinge plates and tighten the screws.**  
**TIP:** Hinges can be further adjusted once the tower is in final position.
- 05 Install the door-stop using the included template.**



**You're done! Now you can put everything back into your closet – and enjoy the extra space you've made by installing your own laminate closet organization system. Be sure to check out the other installation projects and instruction sheets, including how to install a wire closet organizer, at [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos).**

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