

# Spring Cleaning

Whether for overflowing garages or crowded closets, organizational pros help make streamlining your life a breeze

## WARDROBE WIZARDS

For the **Closet Stylist** owners Amy McMaster and Joanne Levien, clearing out a jam-packed walk-in isn't just about reorganization—it's about transforming lives. "People seem to keep all of their important things in the closet, and they feel guilty getting rid of anything," says Levien, who often comes across cash and diamonds stashed in closets crammed with outdated outfits. "Sometimes we find great clothes that we can reinvent for clients," adds McMaster. For their basic service—Closet Therapy (\$120 per hour)—they conduct a clothing audit to get rid of all those maybe-I'll-wear-it-one-day garments, which they donate to a variety of local charities. Next, they organize remaining duds on designer slimline hangers, provide new drawers and bins for functional storage, and even recommend key wardrobe pieces to complete the new you. **-EMILY LIVINGSTONE**

**THE CLOSET STYLIST** 805-727-0705, [theclosetstylist.com](http://theclosetstylist.com).

**CLOSET THERAPY** **1** LOVE EVERYTHING IN YOUR CLOSET—IF YOU DON'T LOVE IT, YOU WON'T WEAR IT. **2** SORT CLOTHES BY COLOR AND STYLE SO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE. **3** HANG EVERYTHING ON SPACE-SAVING SLIMLINE HANGERS (FROM \$6), [BEDBATHANDBEYOND.COM](http://BEDBATHANDBEYOND.COM).

## NIP/TUCK

If your haven needs a little help—perhaps a new entryway and custom bookshelves would do the trick, or an updated kitchen, office, or master bath fits the bill—**Projects by Giffin & Crane** takes on local home renovation projects smaller than a full house remodel. Bruce Giffin and Geoff Crane launched the new division of their 23-year-old contracting company in 2006 with the belief that a home's function and aesthetic should match its owner's lifestyle and personality. "Our clients are those who have purchased a home but something doesn't fit," says the company's president Christine Clayton.



Working with its clients each step of the way—from drafting plans to selecting custom materials to hiring craftsmen—Projects by Giffin & Crane refurbished San Roque resident Jean Frances's 1950s creek-side cottage, transforming the drab interior into "light and airy country-contemporary" with a covered outdoor patio and guest room and tiled bath. Adds Clayton, "No project is too big or too small." **-C.M.**

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## GARAGE GURUS

As often as not, the garage serves as a designated overflow space for everything from sports equipment to holiday decorations. Conquering the clutter can be a daunting task, but **Garage Envy** is available to determine your needs and even drafts a 3-D plan for your dream garage before getting started. "There was no one out there offering a complete organization system," says cofounder Jaime Dietenhofer. "Garage Envy encompasses a team of designers and installers to facilitate everything from storage to lighting to drywalling." According to these experts, whether you're looking to increase your living space, go green, or just make room for your car, no job is too big or too small. If you're tackling the garage yourself, the company offers an array of innovative storage options. Check out the sports accessory rack (\$70) to keep bats, balls, and racquets in one place, or stock up on hooks and bins to systematize odds and ends (from \$8). **-E.L.**

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