



# CREATIVE CLOSET OFFICES

*Today we are trying to squeeze every bit of useful space from our homes. The most requested thing we hear from you, our readers, is how to organize small spaces. And the most common organizing tip we share is to use the vertical space you have. The perfect combination of all this is a closet converted into an office/storage space. Here we share six different ways to do just that, helping to inspire you to get the most from your small spaces.*



**Angie Pitre** (*echoesoflaughter.ca*)  
**Use:** Household office

My goal in creating this space was to make it into a cozy office space where I could do work, create paper crafts or pay household bills. The biggest challenge I faced in this area was creating ample storage space, so I decided to go vertical with shelves and lots of closed storage boxes to reduce visual clutter. My favorite thing about this space is the small size. A small-sized office is much easier to clean, and it really helps you to prioritize things and keep clutter at bay.



**Angela Nelson** (*inspiredheartsandhomes.com*)

**Use:** Organized space for office supplies/paperwork

The desk in our playroom was a catch-all—we just kept throwing things on the desk to be put away later. Using just a small desk was not enough storage: there wasn't a system for receipts, bills, papers or organizing anything! After putting time and energy into making the closet pretty, I wanted it to stay neat and organized. It helps having the boxes and files right there on the shelf, in view at all times. It is easier to put items away quickly and be done, instead of letting them accumulate into piles to be dealt with "later."





**Natalie Hixson** ([striveforprogress.com](http://striveforprogress.com))

**Use:** Creative space for blog/business and quilting for fun

The biggest challenge in this space was the lighting. My husband fixed the problem by putting lights underneath the top shelf. He also switched out the light fixture that was in there with a pretty chandelier and I added a lamp on top of the desk. I have been surprised at how well I am able to work in this space! I was worried I would feel like I was stuck in a cave. It's my quiet place where I can think, create and just be. When the curtain is down, my husband and the kids know that Mama is busy and shouldn't be bothered.



**Jeannette Fura** ([jaginteriorsinc.com](http://jaginteriorsinc.com))

**Use:** Crafting business

My client wanted a multi-functional space that would still be friendly to meet clients. Using unused closet space allowed for shelves above the desk, and doors that could tuck it all away. The ample room also allowed space to place supplies, a display wall and seats for guests. It's not as bright and light as working in the main area of the room, but we've used every inch of space for this creative mom and entrepreneur. The painted peg board allows for hooks to be used on the pegs to store items on—an otherwise unused space.





**Lisa Woodruff** ([organize365.com](http://organize365.com))

**Use:** Scrapbooking

My client was a longtime scrapbooking customer and wanted to move her scrapbooking supplies out of the guest room and into a guest closet. This space was previously used just for storage. The best thing of all was that this idea went from a drawing to completion in one weekend! The client knew what she wanted, she just needed help designing the space. This space is JUST for mom. Even though she could have taken over a whole room for her crafting, all she needed was this small, but organized, space.

**Traci Hutcherson** (*beneathmyheart.net*)

**Use:** Craft Closet

My craft closet will mostly be a space to store my materials, but I added a desktop space for me to do some crafting as well. The main challenge we had with this space was removing the header of the closet to create a more open feel and make it not look so much like a closet. We had to make sure the header wasn't load-bearing before we removed it. The pegboard is my favorite thing about this space. I love the fun punch of color, and I love all the many ways you can hang items on the pegboard. I'm always surprised how quickly it can get messy. It seems like I am constantly cleaning it up. However, that is what the space is for, and it cleans up pretty quickly, depending on the project.

