

## the ultimate Master Suite

Custom built-ins contain clutter and invite comfort in this relaxing retreat.

Frenzy-free mornings and easygoing evenings are a reality in Teresa and Jay Yates' master suite, where essentials are easily accessible and everything else is thoughtfully contained. That's because Teresa, an interior designer, inventoried and measured the couple's belongings before finalizing the suite's storage.

Part dressing room, part laundry room, the roomy walk-in closet is the workhorse of the suite. Floor-to-ceiling built-ins display Teresa's hanging clothes, shoes, and accessories for efficient—and fun—outfit selection. Between the built-ins, a laundry station saves trips from elsewhere in the house and makes quick work of pretreating, folding, and sorting.

Attention to detail drives the closet's function. For instance, lined drawers dedicated to jewelry prevent tangled necklaces and mismatched earrings. Telescoping pull-down rods bring high-hanging clothes to eye level, while recessed pullout rods are ideal for air-drying clothes or arranging the next day's outfit. This same level of storage detail is carried into the bedroom and bathroom so the two rooms are comfortable rather than chaotic. In the bedroom, an armoire stores Jay's wardrobe staples—folded shirts and shorts that are stacked and separated by clear dividers for grab–and–go visibility. Across from the bed, a built–in media console displays the TV with no distracting cords in sight. The drawers in the bottom of the unit store undergarments and folded clothes.

The storage stars of the bathroom are dual vanities on opposite ends of the room that give Teresa and Jay their own spaces for getting ready. Pullouts under each sink store caddies for essentials, while electrical outlets in the drawers keep plugged-in hair tools and razors at the ready. These features keep attention focused on the calming design that throughout the suite is as eye-catching as it is efficient. RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 116.

Writer Katie Rynard Photographer Richard Leo Johnson Producer Sandra L. Mohlmann **THIS PHOTO** Designated spots for hair tools and cosmetics in the vanity keep bathroom surfaces clutter-free. **OPPOSITE** A deep ledge made of low-maintenance quartz-surfacing surrounds the soaking tub and provides a perch for essentials.

1

## Mix–and–match nightstands offer personalized storage space.











A water closet, opposite top, hides the toilet in the shared master bath. A freestanding shelving unit keeps towels conveniently located near the shower.

**Small chests**, *opposite bottom*, serve as nightstands and up the bedroom's storage game with their wide drawers for nighttime necessities. At the foot of the bed, a plush pink bench provides a comfy spot for putting on shoes.

**Slender niches in the media cabinet,** *above left,* frame the television with favorite books and decor. Drawers below offer overflow storage for clothes.

**Bedside essentials**, *above*, are stashed in the nightstands' shallow top drawers. So there's no late-night digging required to find reading glasses and current reads.

Adjustable acrylic dividers, *left*, put drawer contents in plain sight so Teresa and Jay can grab accessories quickly when getting ready. The dividers can be shifted to expand space for items as needed.





Laundry appliances, opposite top, maximize the closet's convenience. A solid-surfacing countertop for treating stains and folding clothes tops the washer and dryer; a cabinet between them holds supplies.

A divided drawer, opposite, bottom left, houses an arsenal of at-the-ready stain fighters, lint rollers, and other products that help keep clothes looking their best. Wooden dividers organize the small, loose items and eliminate the need for bulky packaging.

**Pull-down rods,** *opposite, bottom right,* are a tall closet must-have because they double available hanging space. They lower for easy selection when it's time to pull an outfit together and raise back up when not needed.

**Cubbies for hats and bags**, *left*, create a boutique vibe that makes closetshopping enjoyable every day. Jewelry, folded clothes, undergarments, and seasonal items tuck away in drawers; the windowsill provides a surface to coordinate outfits and accessories.

in the zone Carefully planned storage—and

a laundry station to boot streamline routines.

**SLEEP** A comfy king-size bed is the focal point of the bedroom thanks to oversize nightstands, an armoire, and a media center that corral distracting items.

**2 BATHE** There's no jostling for elbowroom at the vanity because this bathroom features two of them.

**3** DRESS A combination of storage solutions groups like items so they're easy to find. Smart add-ons, like pull-down rods and acrylic dividers, keep contents beautifully contained.

**4 WASH** Laundry day is a breeze with a washer and dryer housed in the closet.

