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Receiving holiday gifts from others can be a delightful experience, but it also comes with the challenge of managing the influx of new items. Like where do we put more stuff? Whether you've received thoughtful presents from family, friends, or colleagues, figuring out how to organize will help you appreciate and enjoy each gift. Here's [The Closet Works'](#) quick ten on how to efficiently manage your holiday gifts:

### Designate a Gift Receiving Area

Set up a specific area in your home to collect and [organize your holiday gifts](#). This could be a table, or a section of a room. Having a centralized location makes it easier to keep track of what you've received.

### Keep Track with a Gift Log

Create a gift log or list to document each gift you receive. Include the name of the giver, a brief description of the gift, and the date it was received. This log serves as a handy reference, especially when writing thank-you notes or when you

want to recall who gave you a particular item.

## **Sort Gifts by Category**

Categorize your gifts based on their type or purpose. For example, group together clothing items, books, gadgets, and so on. This helps you visually assess what you have and makes it easier to find specific items when you need them.

## **Prioritize Thank-You Notes**

[Expressing gratitude](#) is an essential part of the holiday season. Keep a stack of thank-you cards handy and make it a priority to send notes to your gift-givers. Mention specific details about the gift and how much you appreciate their thoughtfulness.

## **Check for Gift Receipts**

While it might seem awkward, it's practical to check for gift receipts. If a gift doesn't fit or isn't quite your style, having the option to exchange or return it can be helpful. Keep the receipts organized and stored in a safe place until you're sure about the gifts you've received.

## **Create a Storage System**

Once you've unwrapped your gifts and expressed your gratitude, find a dedicated place to store them. Consider using [storage bins, shelves, or closets](#) to keep your new possessions organized. If you've received clothing or accessories, integrate them into your existing wardrobe for easy access.



## Rotate and Showcase Items

Display or use some of your gifts, especially those with sentimental value or unique features. This not only allows you to appreciate and enjoy the items but also helps prevent them from being forgotten or lost in the shuffle.

## Donate or Regift Unneeded Items

Yes, you read that right. There's no need to keep gifts you truly can't use. Consider how someone else might love the gift and be happy in the [regifting](#). If you receive duplicate items or things you won't use, consider [donating them to charity](#) or regifting them to someone who would appreciate them. Be mindful of the original gift-giver's feelings and ensure that the items are in new and unused condition.

## Keep a Digital Inventory

For [valuable or sentimental items](#), consider creating a digital inventory. Take photos and store them in a secure location in a file on your computer, tablet, phone, along with any relevant details about the gifts. This can be especially helpful for insurance purposes or to jog your memory in the future.

## Express Gratitude and Enjoy

Finally, remember that the holiday season is a time of joy and connection. Cherish the thoughtfulness behind each gift you've received, and focus on the generosity. Organization is a tool to enhance your enjoyment, not overshadow the spirit of the season.

By incorporating these tips into your post-holiday routine, you can maintain order and appreciation for the gifts you've received, ensuring a smooth transition from the excitement of unwrapping to the satisfaction of using and appreciating your new belongings.

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