



RENT-A-ROMPER'S

Step-by-Step

Closet Clean-Out

Guide



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If you're anything like us, cleaning out your kid's closet isn't a task you want to do again and again, but since our little ones grow so quickly, it feels like we're always doing exactly that!

We've put together this step-by-step guide to make reorganizing your clothing storage a little easier. And, when you send unneeded or outgrown items to us, you can get credits towards a clothing rental membership, seasonal rentals, sustainable laundry detergent, or other items you may need. That way, you'll always have what you need and want for your baby without all the clutter.

Ready to get organized? Let's go!

STEP 1

Get Messy

Have you ever noticed that cleaning up often starts with getting messy? If you have toddlers or younger children at home, let them help! They'll have a blast pulling all of their clothes out of drawers, closets, and storage bins into a squishy pile for sorting.

STEP 2

Inspect & Sort

Once you have everything in one place, inspect each item for damage or stains, then sort them into two piles: items to keep and items to pass along.

Then, focusing only on the items you've decided to keep, separate the pile into categories by season, type (bodysuits, shirts, pants, etc.) and size.



STEP 3

Take Stock

Take stock of what you have enough of or where you might need additional items. Open up your phone or grab a notepad to write down what you might need.

How to calculate what you need:

- **Think through a typical week for your child.** See if they have enough to cover their normal activities like outings, daycare, classes, play dates, naps and more.
- **Factor in how often clothes get laundered.** For example, you might only need enough clothes for 3-4 days if your family does laundry twice per week.
- **Consider your child's mess level.** Newborns and younger babies often drool or spit up on multiple shirts each day, and toddlers can be messy while they're eating and playing.

If you just need a few basic items, our [7-Item Memberships](#) can help fill any gaps.

If you find you need to restock or replace your child's wardrobe, one of our [15-Item Memberships](#) can ensure you have everything you need—no matter how fast they grow!

Have a messy little one? Invest in a few [silicone bibs](#) for meals and [bandana bibs](#) to catch drool and spit-up.

STEP 4

Give Everything A Home

Now it's time to move from the messy phase into the clean and organized phase. With a better understanding of what you have and unwanted clutter cleared away, now's a great time to put everything neatly back in your baby's closet. If you're using drawers, we recommend Marie Kondo style folding technique which makes it easy to find items when you need them and helps protect the clothes from wrinkles and creases.

If you have toddlers or older kids, now is a great time to involve them. They'll learn important skills like how to fold, where all of their clothes are stored, and what items are called. You can even teach counting and colors while you're folding and putting away clothes!

Parenting Hack: This saves time when you are waiting for them to get dressed and they know where their own socks are. Or at least it makes you feel better when they say "I can't find my socks," but you just put them away together the day before.



STEP 5

Say Goodbye

Now it's time to deal with the "to go" pile. Here's where you have a great opportunity to extend the life of those clothes and get more use out of them, even if they no longer fit your little one.

Outgrown Clothing:

- Save clothing in good condition for a sibling, or pass them along to a little cousin, or a friend's child.
- Donate to a local charity, your local Buy Nothing group, or a parenting group.
- Send them to Rent-a-Romper and get credits in exchange! We'll take clothing in all conditions from sizes 0-12. We'll even send you a closet clean-out kit complete with a prepaid shipping label and recyclable bag.

Damaged Clothing:

- Small tears, missing buttons, and open seams are easy repairs. If you have a small sewing kit, take a few minutes while watching your favorite show to help those items last a little longer. Or, find a crafty friend or grandparent that would be willing to repair them for you.
- With a little extra love and the right products, it's possible to remove old stains. Feeling extra ambitious? Dye stained items with a packet of [Rit](#) in your washing machine. Dark colors will cover up most stains and your baby's clothes will seem totally new.
- Too busy to make repairs? Send us damaged items and we'll do the mending. Then, we'll find restored items a new home.

Unusable Items:

If clothes are near the end of their life, please use our closet clean-out kit to send them to us! We'll make sure they stay out of the landfill and get recycled or upcycled through one of our local partners. There's no cost to you, and you'll even have the opportunity to earn Rent-a-Romper credits and rewards.



Extending the life of one piece of clothing by 9 months reduces the water, waste, and carbon footprint of that item by 30%.

