



## *At Home with Rob & Robin*



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### News Flash:

## Curb Appeal Wins Two Awards!

Curb Appeal Renovations is proud to announce that we have been awarded two awards by Professional Remodeler Magazine, the Best of the Best Platinum Award for Bathrooms under \$40,000 and the 2007 Market Leaders Award for the Dallas area. Best of the Best Awards are judged based on four criteria: construction quality, visual appeal, effective space planning, and functionality. A remodeling project must be excellent in all of those areas in order to be considered for the award. The Market Leaders Award is recognition of our place as one of the leading remodeling firms in the area, and we are very proud of it as well. Professional Remodeler is a leading industry publication, and these awards are given out annually.

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*Our Award-Winning Bathroom!*

# Organizing your Closets

The closet is a breeding place for clutter. Stuffed with clothes, shoes jumbled on the floor, boxes and bags piled on shelves as high as you can reach... Any of this sound familiar? If so, it is time to organize those unruly closets, or even build a new one!

The first step is to purge your closet of the clothes, shoes, bags, etc that you no longer use or need. As you take items out of your closet, sort them into one of three piles: Keep, Donate, and Trash. Be critical when it comes to sorting. If you find something you have not used in over a year and cannot find a good reason to keep it, get rid of it. The general rule for clothes is it must fit, be in style, be comfortable, and not need any repairs. Do not keep an outfit just because you paid a lot for it. If you are not going to wear it, it is only taking up valuable closet space.

Once your closet has been cleaned out, it is time to take an inventory of what you really want and need from your closet. If your closet is big enough to hold everything you want it to, then you may just need some organization systems. There are many different ways to organize a closet, and many different types of storage systems that you can use. Some include multiple hanging rods, over-the-door hanging storage, and many types of drawers and racks. You can also add high-tech systems like motorized tie racks and hanger carousels that may make your closet easier to use. The systems available depend on how much space you have and how much stuff you have, but there are always many different options.

In some situations, however, the closet you have just does not have the capacity that you want or need. Closet space is an issue that is addressed in many master suite remodeling projects, and there are many options for expanding your closet space. A remodeling project can free up unused space, or create new space, to allow for a big walk-in closet. With more space, it is often much easier to keep your closet organized and stress-free. In addition, you can add features like lighting, floor-length mirrors, dressing room areas, and organization systems. Remodeling your master suite is the perfect time to have an organization system installed: when you are building a new closet from the ground up, you can design the closet around whatever organization system you want, which allows for a greater level of customization.

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## **Seasonal Reminder: Switch to Smarter Lighting**

Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescents (CFL). They use three-quarters less electricity, last years longer, and generate less heat.

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See you again next month! Remember, you can use the link below to forward this newsletter to friends and give them the chance to sign up for it as well!

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