

The Small Closet With No Door Checklist

Try the free fixes, measure the opening, then add only what you need

1. Find What Bugs You Most

- Is it the whole closet being on show from the bed?
- Is it messy shelves and piles?
- Is it dust settling on clothes?
- Is it mixed-up hangers on the rail?
- Pick the one problem to fix first.

2. Free Fixes (No Shopping)

- Hang clothes in color order, light to dark.
- Keep only the current season in view.
- Fold shelf piles to one width so they stack evenly.
- Move off-season pieces to the top shelf or under the bed.
- Clip a plain bedsheet over the opening to test a curtain look.

3. Measure Before You Buy

What	How to measure	Your number
Opening width	Measure at the top, middle and bottom of the opening	
Opening height	Floor to top of the opening	
Wall sides	Solid walls on both sides for a tension rod	
Shelf depth	Inside depth so bins fit	
Rail length	Length of the hanging rail for hanger count	

4. Match the Problem to the Fix

Problem	Try this	Check first
Whole closet on show	Closet curtain panel	Opening width, rod size
Want a door-like look	Pleated accordion-style curtain	Opening width and height
Cannot drill (rental)	Spring tension rod	Rod range and solid walls

Messy open shelves	Lidded fabric bins	Shelf depth and weight
Mixed-up hanging rail	Slim velvet hangers	Rail length and heavy coats

5. Renter Setup Checklist

- Check your lease before drilling any holes.
- Use a tension rod only with a lightweight curtain.
- Press-test the rod before hanging the full curtain.
- Leave a little air gap so the closet can breathe.
- Wash or shake the curtain now and then to keep dust down.

6. Closet Fix Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Closet curtain			
Tension rod			
Lidded bins			
Velvet hangers			
Total			