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Tips and trends for homeowners, buyers and sellers



### **Installing Heated Floors** for Ultimate Comfort

Heated floors bring luxury and efficiency to bathrooms, kitchens and even basements. They provide gentle, even warmth that radiates from the ground up, eliminating chilly spots common with forced-air systems.

There are two main types: electric mats, which are ideal for smaller rooms, and hydronic systems, which circulate warm water under the floor-best for whole-home installations.

Both work well beneath tile, stone and some engineered flooring.

Installation involves placing heating elements beneath the flooring, connecting thermostats and adding a protective layer of thinset or self-leveling compound before laying the final surface. It's best handled by a professional unless you're an experienced DIYer.



Though upfront costs can be higher than traditional heating, radiant floors are energy-efficient and low-maintenance once installed. They can even increase resale value by adding a touch of modern comfort. If you're remodeling or building a new home, heated floors are a worthwhile investment that combines comfort with practicality.



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## Building a Custom Closet That Fits Your Life

A custom closet transforms clutter into calm by giving every item a designated place. Before building, take time to plan your layout. Think about what you store most often—clothes, shoes or accessories—and design around those needs.

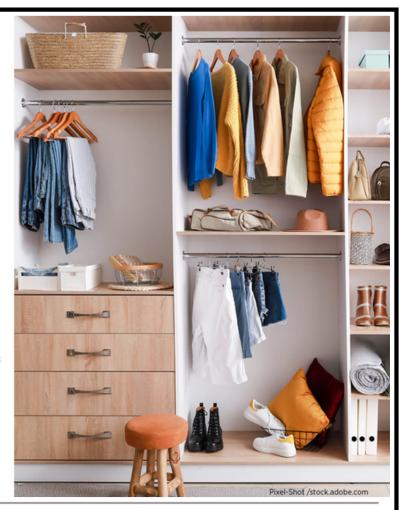
Closet systems can range from full built-ins to modular kits you can customize over time.

Choose materials that fit your style and budget, whether that's sleek melamine, warm wood or durable wire shelving. Measure twice before cutting or assembling to avoid gaps and wasted space.

#### Key features to consider:

- ► Adjustable shelving for greater flexibility as your wardrobe changes
- ▶ Double hanging rods to maximize vertical storage
- ▶ Drawers and baskets for smaller items like jewelry or belts
- ▶ Lighting to brighten shelves and corners

If you're handy, a DIY closet system can save money while offering professional results. For complex layouts or walk-in spaces, hiring a designer or installer may be worthwhile. With smart planning and a few upgrades, you can transform your closet into an organized and functional retreat.





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