

# Chaotic Times

Organised Chaos Newsletter

"Helping you to  
clear clutter and  
feel -

Better!"

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'Clothes Storage'

# Dear Friends of Organised Chaos

Welcome to the June edition of **Chaotic Times!**

This month's topic has been prompted by enquiries from two ladies reference the best way to store certain types of clothes. This is not as obvious as it might seem!

**Firstly** - some people have items they hardly ever wear, taking up valuable space in their wardrobes.

The automatic "de-clutter" response might be - if you don't wear it from one year to the next, then sell it, or take it to a charity shop. Sometimes this *is* what you need to do. On the other hand, what if you've kept your wedding dress, or you have a full length ball gown that comes out once in a blue moon? These items are either sentimental, or just plain expensive, so the normal rules don't really apply.



I've spent some time researching the possibilities and have listed some options below. The requirements are two-fold, one to maximise storage space, the other to protect the garment concerned from dust, moths and other environmental damage. Quite a tall order.

Check out [www.memories-nostalgia.com](http://www.memories-nostalgia.com). This website specialises in storage for anything from precious family photographs to wedding dresses. Their boxes are acid free which is important for long term storage of delicate items. This is explained in much more detail on the website.

The aptly named, [www.weddingchaos.co.uk](http://www.weddingchaos.co.uk) offers similar advice and recommends various solutions.

Those of you with ball gowns need something more accessible which still protects your investment!



Having trawled the Internet, it would seem that dress and suit covers are readily available. However, assuming your dress only gets worn once or twice a year, it is important to store it in a breathable cover, otherwise there is a risk of mould growth or mildew. Equally, acid free material ensures that your precious dress remains as beautiful as the day you bought it.



One company offering such covers at very reasonable cost is [Hangerworld Limited](#). These covers are available in a variety of colours and there is one large enough to suit a wedding dress, *provided* you have enough wardrobe capacity.

The **second** enquiry concerned the storage of shoes. The lady who posed the question confessed to having hers in a large heap at the bottom of her wardrobe. Not particularly good for keeping the shoes in good condition, and pretty challenging when pairs get separated. It really does save time if your shoes are stored tidily and in pairs.

*Why make getting ready in the morning any more stressful than it needs to be?*

Well, it's 'Really Useful Boxes' to the rescue once again! Their 8L open fronted box is sized to take one pair of ladies shoes.

I particularly like this design, as the drop down front enables you to access shoes from the bottom of a stack of boxes without causing an avalanche. Ideal for those ladies with, shall we say, a *penchant* for shoes.

The ones I currently have in stock are very pale pink but semi-transparent, so you can see which shoes are in which box.



**Shoe Box only £6.00  
each (1 pair)**

Some of my clients have got to the point where their clothes no longer fit in the wardrobe and I have seen otherwise lovely bedrooms cluttered up with carrier bags full of clothes, wardrobes with items hung from the handles because there's no room inside, etc, etc.

I continue to campaign for tidy bedrooms. If you think about it, the bedroom is where you start and end your day. In the morning when you wake, your cluttered and untidy room will drag down your mood before you've even got out of bed.

Do you have trouble getting to sleep? If your room is full of jumbled heaps of clothes and other clutter then this is no surprise to me. At the end of a busy day your mind needs to be able to relax and unwind. Your cluttered room is simply reminding you of unfinished business which is crying out for your attention.



Maybe you have to remove piles of clutter from your bed every night. You might have got used to living like this but there really is an achievable alternative just waiting to be explored.

*If you are only going to have one clutter free room in your entire house - my belief is that it should be your bedroom.*

Well, if you need help with clothes storage you've got a few suggestions. On the other hand, if your bedroom is full of clutter then it's time to take action. Look back at previous newsletters for more inspiration or give me a call.

*Best regards,  
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