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An Off-the-Hook Closet in Connecticut

A fashion professional spent roughly \$90,000 to create a state-of-the-art dressing room with illuminated display shelves and custom-made cabinets

During a remodel of her Connecticut home, a fashion professional with a sizable collection of clothes, shoes and handbags added a 150-square foot dressing room to showcase her favorite pieces. The state-of-the-art space includes custom cabinetry, illuminated display shelves. Pink crocodile leather lines some of the wall areas.

“When people are out spending on clothing, they want to put the items in an environment that they enjoy being in. It isn’t a closet,” says designer Christopher Peacock, whose New York-based business focuses on custom cabinetry.

Mr. Peacock worked closely with the woman, who is in her 30s, to create a room around the belongings she wanted to display. “She has a pretty crazy life and wanted a space that felt peaceful and calming,” he says. The project cost around \$90,000. Here are some of the design elements.



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1. The cabinets around the room provide for hidden storage, open hanging storage, display cabinets and drawers. “I put big crown molding on the tops of them. It steals from the idea of an old armoire, if you would like. But instead of having one armoire, it is like a bunch of armoires joined together,” says Mr. Peacock. *Christopher Peacock, \$85,000*
2. The David Hicks-patterned carpet, found at a showroom, was the inspiration for the room’s pale pink color scheme. “I liked that it was a little bit pop art in a way,” Mr. Peacock says. “I liked the combination of colors. This lovely shade of soft pink and beige.” *Stark Carpets, \$57.50 per square yard*
3. Embossed crocodile leather line areas throughout the room. *Edelman leather, \$25 a square foot*
4. The open hanging storage allows for pieces of clothing to be kept in full view. “She wanted to be able to grab things and hang them on a rack in the open so she could put an outfit together,” Mr. Peacock says. *Häfele gold hanging rod, \$175*
5. The accent lighting is installed within “cracks and crevices” to subtly highlight particular areas. “You have this hidden lighting but everything’s lit where it needs to be lit,” says Mr. Peacock. *Häfele accent cabinet lighting, \$2,500*
6. The overhead lighting was designed to compliment the room’s hue. “It is a dull, dusky, dark pink wall color,” Mr. Peacock says. “Everything is very quiet and there is no one thing which overpowers anything else.” *Hanging light fixture, \$1,150*