

# Quick Closet Shelves

Hey All, this is going to be a pretty short post, as the how to is pretty simple for this project. In all, it took about an hour to do this update to my closet. Like the title says, Quick Closet Shelves.

See, we have more limited storage space in our house. There are small closets, and only the ones in the bedroom and a small one by the back door. With that being said, we have always kept all of our clothes folded and in dressers, the closet was just for sweaters and my dresses. The issue was always managing to make all of the clothes fit into the dresser drawers, and when looking for something, having to really dig through to find it. As you all know, digging through a drawer ends up causing you to have to refold at least a few things. This caused a chain effect of “why bother putting the clothes away when they will get messed up and be difficult to find” which lead to piles of clothes on the dresser or still in the hamper unfolded.

I finally had enough and took off to Home Depot one morning, mid-folding. I took measurements of my closet, decided how many shelves I wanted and that was it. This project came to just over \$40.00 CAD and so far has been amazing for such a small change. Even my husband is doing some of the folding.

***Make sure you read through the instructions and look over the plans fully before you start your project. Check out the “Before You Start” page for more on tool information, tips & tricks. Always stay safe and wear all safety protection. It is always best to make your cuts as you go and as they say, measure twice and cut once.***

*If you have any questions just ask away!*

## Shopping List

3 – 5/8" x 15 3/4" x 96" White Shelves

5 – 1" x 2" x 8'

## Cut List

My closet is 47" wide by 25" deep. There is already one existing shelf in, and I want to add 6 more.

6 – 5/8" x 15 3/4" @ 46 3/4"

6 – 1" x 2" @ 46 7/8"

12 – 1" x 2" @ 17"

## Tools Needed



Mitre Saw / Circular Saw



Measuring Tape



Pencil



Level



Brad Nailer



Safety Glasses



Ear Protection

## Step-by-Step

First all you need to remove the current closet rod and then measure and mark off the locations on where the shelves are going to be.

Note: Keep in mind that the heights of where you are off are for the support locations. The thickness of the shelves will be above that.

Identify where any studs are. Usually you can tell from the existing shelf in your closet. The support that is there for it will have either nails or screws in place.

Install all of the 1" x 2" supports. I used a brad nailer, and added more nails in the locations of the studs. Where there were no studs, I put the nails in on an Upward & Downward angle



Starting from the top, place the shelves in. There you have  
it, Quick Closet Shelves!



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## [DIY Installing New Interior Doors](#)

I don't know about you all, but the interior doors in my house are all past their prime. They are all original to the house. In a lot of cases this wouldn't be a bad thing because a lot of older doors are absolutely beautiful. However, my house was built in the era where there was no added detailing put in and things were done as cheaply as possibly. With this era, I have plain hollow core slab doors on the bathroom and bedrooms. All of which no added paint can make look good again. I was thinking of adding some detailing to the doors using trim pieces, but sadly the doors are all actually falling apart. Two doors have actually splintered away/cracked where as one door has actually caved in where the handle is. In a nutshell, they really needed to go!

It was actually luck the other day when looking at the flyers that the interior doors were 25% off. I went out right away and purchased 3 of the basic 6-paneled hollow-core slab doors. The doors however do not come pre-bored for the handles, nor



do they have the hinges notched out. That is where this post comes into play. Here I am going to give you the step by step on what you need to do to install your own new doors. It is truly not as based as you think!

### **Tools Needed:**



Chisels



Drill



[Irwin Door Lock Installation Kit](#) – (Note: However, Ryobi has recently come out with one as well, that I find is better made and wish I had)



Pencil



Paint Brush



Measuring Tape



Safety Glasses



Work Gloves

## **Materials Needed**

Interior Doors

Paint

Door handles/hinges – You are absolutely able to re-use your existing ones, I certainly did.

### The How-To:

1. The first thing you need to do is determine the size of the doors that you need (Usually they are in widths of 28"-30"-32" x 78"-80" in length) Once that has been determined you can go out and purchase your doors.



Doors – BEFORE

2. Now, remove your old doors, and measure and record the location of the the hinges and the door handle. Measure this distance from the top of the door because if you measure from the bottom you can end up with a large gap OR the door not fit into place. (example: My hinges are 7-10" and 67 7/16"-70 7/16" from the top and my handle is 44"0C from the top)

3. Now, on your new door you are going to measure and mark off where the hinges are going to be and then chisel it out. You can use one of your hinges as you go along to ensure it is done right. **Note: If you have 3" hinges like myself, the template that comes with the kit will not be able to be used**

*due to it being for 3.5" hinges.*



4. Next you need to determine if your door handles are at 2 3/8" or 2 3/4" setback. The majority of door installations however will be at the 2 3/8". In order to determine which setback that you have, you just need to measure from the side of your door to the Center of the hole for your existing door handle. However if you have purchased new door handles for this, it will be noted in the instructions.

5. Once you have made that determination, set your Irwin guide to the particular setting and screw it in place. Using the hole saw bit that came with the kit you are going to first drill out the handle holes, afterwards you can then switch out the hole saws and do the latch side



6. Now that you have your holes in place remove the guide and put the router latch guide on the side. Next, switch out the hole saw for the router bit and router out the template. Remove the template and use the chisel to remove the excess material, now making it flush.



7. Next, you are going to paint the doors using more than likely 2-3 coats of paint.



8. Lastly, you are going to attach the hinges and the door handles to the door. Finally, you are now set to re-attach the doors to the frame.



– Michelle

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