

Behind Closed Doors

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Just like a guy might consider his garage or man cave to be his sacred space, a woman has the same sentiment about her closet, boudoir or favorite department store dressing room. There, we've shed tears over too-tight pants and cheered when showcasing a new pair of heels. Five local fashionistas let *AFM* inside their holy lands, revealing an eyeful of shoes, dresses and even a few surprises.



"As an interior designer at Salcito Custom Homes, I am often involved in the practical aspects of closet layout. So in my own closet, function and capacity is a given and offers me the luxury to have a closet to display my treasures. Whether it be a piece of jewelry made by one of my two sons or the autographed Christian Louboutins my husband bought me in Paris, my closet is filled with reminders of my family and my travels." —*Rebecca Salcito, interior designer with Salcito Custom Homes*



"Luxury to me is so much more than the material item; it's about how something makes me feel when I put it on. A poufy pink dress that makes me feel beautiful and girly, my little black DVF dress that is my go-to for a date night makes me feel sexy, or even my favorite velour pants that I just feel happy and homey in."

—*Ashley Richardson of Ashley Gain Weddings & Events*



"My idea of luxury is my collection of Christian Louboutin shoes." —*Jacqueline Nerguizian of Jacqueline Nerguizian Fine Jewelry*



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"There's nothing better than bubbles. In my bathtub I can look up and see bubbles, look down at bubbles and drink bubbles. It's my happy place." —*Jamie Hormel, owner of Wrigley Mansion*



"Similar to the feelings evoked by that new car smell, the scent of new clothes, jeans, handbags and shoes fills my closet and intoxicates me." —*Lisa A. Looney, owner of KatyBug Faye Boutique*