



# Lisa Adams

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**Space cadet:** Lisa Adams was working at a kitchen and bath design firm when a client asked for help with a closet. The request made her realize how underappreciated the space can be. In 2007, she debuted LA Closet Design, dedicated to custom-built wardrobes. Want a putting green, stripper pole, washer/dryer, flat screen, and/or watch winder in your closet? Get in line. **Applied mathematics:** Adams grew up in Hawaii and studied chemistry at UC Berkeley. "I was always scientific, neat, left brain," she says. "I wanted to be an accountant." Calculating algorithms to resolve the size of shoe collections with available square footage came naturally. Her projects, which range in price from \$3,000 to \$40,000, begin with a spreadsheet that lists each item (and its dimensions) the closet will house. **Volume control:** For a client with 1,000 pairs of shoes, Adams made rolling stacks. She has opened up attics to install dry cleaner-style carousels. Frugal types can follow her advice on purging: "If you haven't worn something for a year, give it away, throw it away, or sell it." » LA Closet Design, 310-289-1311 or laclosetdesign.com. // MARGOT DOUGHERTY