







## Picture Perfect

SHEILA BRIDGES, AGE 39, NEW YORK CITY

**THE CHALLENGE:** How to store shoes in their original boxes (an economical way to protect them) yet still know which pair is inside.

**THE SOLUTION:** Taping Polaroid photos on the boxes to identify their contents.

**WHY IT WORKS:** This busy interior designer, author, and TV host can't devote a lot of time to getting dressed. If she's taping multiple episodes of her show (*Sheila Bridges: Designer Living* airs on the Fine Living Network) in one day, she might need two or three outfits, so being able to see all her choices at a glance is essential. Sheila's long but shallow closet consists of hanging sections at staggered heights, interspersed with shelving for shoe boxes. Everyday shoes, including boots and sneakers, aren't kept in boxes, which makes them easier to grab and go (and sneakers can air out this way). Each hanging section holds a separate category (skirts, long dresses, tops), and same-season garments are grouped together within sections. Two valet hooks are mounted beside the closet for coordinating and packing clothes. Once Sheila has assembled her outfit, she can quickly scan her shoe boxes for the perfect footwear to match.

**WHY SHE LOVES IT:** "I can always find what I'm looking for," says Sheila.

Although her closet isn't very deep, Sheila Bridges has created many distinct storage areas.

IF YOU need to store a lot of shoes...



■ **INNVIK SHOE CABINET, \$59** (Ikea, 800-434-4532). This wall-mounted cabinet holds eight pairs of shoes; the interior compartments can be removed and cleaned.



■ **CLEAR SHOE BOXES, \$25 for 20** (Container Store, 800-786-7315, [www.containerstore.com](http://www.containerstore.com)). Matching boxes create order in a closet and keep shoes dust-free.



■ **CANVAS STORAGE BOXES, \$6 to \$11 each** (Stacks and Stacks, 866-376-6856, [www.stacksandstacks.com](http://www.stacksandstacks.com)). The label slot on the front lets you know what's inside.