Gift closet organization: 10 tips for a year-round gift stash

A gift closet saves money only if you can find what you bought and remember who it was for. One spot, a tag on every gift, receipts in the bin and the heat-sensitive things stored properly.

- [ ] **Pick one home for the stash: a shelf or a lidded bin, inside the house**
- [ ] **Shop ahead from a list of names, occasions and budgets**
- [ ] **Sort by recipient type, then by occasion**
- [ ] **Tag every gift with who it's for as it goes in**
- [ ] **Keep receipts in one envelope with the return date written on each**
- [ ] **Store candles cool, dark and dry; lay tapers flat**
- [ ] **Keep chocolate airtight and cool, not in the refrigerator**
- [ ] **Give cosmetics within the season; store batteries at room temperature**
- [ ] **Keep a wrapping kit next to the gifts; hide the bin from kids**
- [ ] **Reconcile the stash before each big gifting season**