



# From Runway to Real Life: 5 closet trends for 2026 Inspired by The Devil Wears Prada

If only a handful of people in the world were trendsetters, Miranda Priestly from *The Devil Wears Prada* would be one of them. Although fictional, the demanding editor-in-chief of *Runway* fashion magazine in this year's sequel to the 2006 film remains relevant to the furnishing world. When Miranda Priestly chooses a particular colour, it signals to designers and influencers worldwide that this is *the* colour for the season. She doesn't chase trends, she sets them.

Here is where the closet comes in. We all need one, otherwise, where would our new shoes, clothes and purses go? For Miranda, a closet is not just a place to store her clothes and accessories, but an extension of her personality. If Miranda Priestly were to redesign her walk-in closet this year, these would be the 5 features she would perhaps ensure:

## Mood lighting: Set the scene.

Imagine opening your closet to soft ambient lighting that highlights every fabric, every shoe, every stitch. Built-in LED strips around shelves and display cabinets create a warm, inviting glow that transforms a closet into something closer to a private boutique, where every piece is presented with the importance it deserves. Anything worth owning is worth exhibiting properly. To Miranda, poor lighting would



be nothing short of carelessness; an insult to the collection itself.

## 2. Glass cabinets: Visibility is power

Instead of concealing your wardrobe behind opaque panels, glass doors and partitions will allow your collection to become part of the interior itself. They impose a quiet discipline and accessibility, suiting a fast-paced and demanding lifestyle such as Miranda's, where choices need to be made quickly and easily. She would never hide her worth, and neither should you. A collection worth owning deserves to be seen. This way, your Hermès bags and Louboutins become part of the room's architecture, almost

impossible to ignore or mistreat.

## 3. Pull-out shelves: Precision over clutter

Pull-out shelves ensure that everything you own is reachable, organised, and visible. Every accessory is displayed like a curated collection rather than hidden away. This way, you won't need to take out multiple items just to gain access to the one you need. This becomes especially important as you age, which Miranda knows. To her, in a closet, every item must have a place, and clutter is unpardonable.

## 4. Seating: A space to decide

An ottoman at the centre of your closet ties the place together, turning your closet into a runway, where you can sit and admire the luxuries you own. You would see Miranda sitting here gracefully, taking

her time to consider, and then deciding with conviction. The act of getting dressed deserves a moment of solitude. A seating area converts a storage space into a dressing room in the truest sense, where decisions are made carefully and without apology for the time they take.

## 5. Colour Coordinating: A deliberate decision

Arranging by colour is about an aesthetic discipline. It shortens the distance between intention and outfit, and it makes a closet feel like a mood board you live inside. When everything has a colour and a home, getting dressed becomes effortless.

Miranda is known to be deliberate about her choices, especially when it comes to the exact shade she wears. Every single detail, including the colour of her closet, is deliberate. So, arranging all her clothing by colour would reduce cognitive overload, which is important for a high-stress life like hers.

When it comes to choosing a closet, bold yet traditional colour choices, recessed lighting, and easy accessibility provide a sense of calm to start and finish your day.

*If Miranda were looking to upgrade her walk-in closet in 2026, she would find Molteni & C's GLISS MASTER to be a prudent choice. A piece that exudes style, power and grace through its signature Italian craftsmanship. If she were to live in Dhaka, Miranda Priestly would find this and other similar collections at Shanta Lifestyle, and so could you.*

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