\*\*Project\*\*: \*Black Styles – A culturally intelligent, AI-powered fashion assistant for men\*

\*\*Stack\*\*: React (Vite) frontend, Flask backend, OpenCV + TensorFlow for AI, Firebase/MongoDB for storage

\*\*Day 1 Progress\*\*:

\* Set up full project environment (frontend + backend)

\* Built and tested frontend photo upload component

\* Scaffolded Flask backend with image route structure

\* Resolved initial rendering bug and connected Axios to API stub

\*\*Next Steps\*\*:

\* Build `/api/image/upload` route to handle file uploads

\* Extract color palette from image with OpenCV + KMeans

\* Return top 3–5 hex colors to the frontend for display

\*\*Project\*\*: Black Styles – Culturally intelligent fashion + grooming app

\*\*Progress Day 2\*\*:

- Built and tested full backend route for image uploads

- Integrated OpenCV + scikit-learn for real-time color palette extraction

- Connected frontend to backend and validated working response pipeline

\*\*Next\*\*:

- Visually display palette on frontend

- Style with Tailwind or similar

- Begin body metric detection (MediaPipe)

# 🎨 Black Styles — Day 3 Backend Development Summary

## 🛠️ Completed Features

- Flask `/api/image/upload` route

- File type validation for secure uploads

- Request logging with Flask middleware

- Center auto-cropping with OpenCV

- Graceful error handling for image processing

## 🧪 Tested and Verified

- Image files processed → ✅ palette returned

- Bad/corrupt files → ✅ handled cleanly

- Terminal logs confirm error tracking and request metadata

## 📁 Files Updated

- `routes.py` → added upload logic

- `utils.py` → added helper for cropping + palette

- `\_\_init\_\_.py` → initialized app and routes

- `run.py` → Flask bootstrapping

## 🔄 Branch

- `feat/day3-palette-ui-backend-enhancements`

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🟢 Backend functionality complete. Ready for Day 4 frontend UI enhancements.

# Black Styles — Day 4 Frontend Development Summary

## Features Implemented

- Added `ColorSwatches` component to render extracted color palette visually.

- Integrated palette into `UploadForm`, showing top 3–5 hex colors with swatches.

- Implemented loading state to indicate upload in progress.

- Added error UI for failed uploads or missing files.

## Stack

- Frontend: React (Vite)

- Communication: Axios POST to Flask backend

- Visualization: Dynamic swatches with hex labels

## Testing

- Verified swatches appear with correct hex values after successful upload.

- Loading indicator displays during request.

- Error messages surface with meaningful backend feedback.

## Branch

- `feat/day4-palette-ui-frontend`

## Next Goals

- Clipboard copy for hex codes.

- Persistent recent palettes.

- Styling polish (Tailwind integration).

## 🧾 Portfolio Documentation (copy into portfolio)

\*\*Project:\*\* Black Styles — culturally intelligent, AI-assisted style & palette recommender for men

\*\*Stack:\*\* React (Vite), Flask (Python), OpenCV/TensorFlow (future), MongoDB or Firebase (future)

\*\*Day 5 Highlights:\*\*

- Users can upload an image and get a palette.

- Users can copy hex colors to clipboard (quick share).

- Users can save outfits (image + palette + theme) locally for quick reference.

- Backend provides a simple theme matcher that maps palettes to seasonal themes.

\*\*Files to showcase\*\*

- `frontend/src/components/UploadForm.jsx` — upload/preview/save flow

- `frontend/src/components/ColorSwatches.jsx` — color UI + copy action

- `frontend/src/components/RecentOutfits.jsx` — saved outfits UI

- `backend/app/services/theme\_matcher.py` — initial theme mapping logic

\*\*Next steps to mention\*\*

- Persist saved outfits to a user account (MongoDB + auth)

- Improve theme matcher with ML or curated rule sets

- Add "Save to Wardrobe" and share/export features

## 📚 Project Documentation (so far)

\*\*Project goal\*\*

Black Styles is a full-stack web app that extracts color palettes from clothing images, recommends styling choices and fragrances, and helps users select outfits that align with Black American old money aesthetics fused with modern tailoring.

\*\*Architecture\*\*

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React (Vite) — Upload UI, palette visualization, local outfit saving

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Flask — Image upload, color extraction (OpenCV + KMeans), theme matching

- \*\*Storage:\*\* localStorage for saved outfits (Day 5); plan: MongoDB/Firebase for persistence

- \*\*AI/CV stack:\*\* OpenCV + MediaPipe + TensorFlow for body metrics and advanced features (future)

\*\*Completed milestones\*\*

1. Project skeleton (frontend + backend)

2. Upload form + basic API connection

3. Image file handling with validation and cropping

4. KMeans color extraction (return hex palette)

5. Request logging & graceful error handling

6. Day 5: palette UI, copy-to-clipboard, save outfits, recent outfits, simple theme matcher

\*\*How to run locally\*\*

- Backend:

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cd backend

python -m venv venv

source venv/bin/activate

pip install -r requirements.txt

python run.py

- Frontend:

cd frontend

npm install

npm run dev

API endpoints (so far):

* POST /api/image/upload — accepts multipart/form-data (image) → returns { palette: [ '#rrggbb', ... ] }
* POST /api/theme — accepts { palette: [...] } → returns { theme: 'Spring' }

# Black Styles — Portfolio Documentation (Day6)

## Project Overview

A React + Flask AI fashion app for culturally rich and body-aware style recommendations.

Features body-aware color palette extraction from clothing or full-body photos, theme-based style suggestions, and outfit persistence.

## Key Features (Implemented so far)

1. \*\*Photo Upload / Camera Input\*\* – upload images for analysis

2. \*\*Color Palette Extraction\*\* – OpenCV + KMeans for top 3–5 colors

3. \*\*Theme Matching\*\* – assign season based on palette

4. \*\*Palette Persistence\*\* – save & fetch outfits via backend (MongoDB or JSON fallback)

5. \*\*Recent Outfits Display\*\* – frontend component to visualize saved palettes with thumbnails

6. \*\*Frontend Utilities\*\* – Axios API helper functions

7. \*\*Local Storage Fallback\*\* – offline persistence

8. \*\*Request Logging & Error Handling\*\* – backend logs and graceful failures

9. \*\*OOP Design Principles\*\* – modular backend services and utilities

## Technology Stack

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React, JavaScript

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Python, Flask

- \*\*AI/Computer Vision:\*\* OpenCV, MediaPipe, TensorFlow (for body metrics/color extraction)

- \*\*Database:\*\* MongoDB Atlas (free tier) / JSON fallback

- \*\*Storage:\*\* Firebase Storage or Cloudinary

- \*\*Version Control:\*\* GitHub (branches, PRs, commits)

# Black Styles — AI Fashion App(Day 7)

\*\*Tech Stack\*\*: React (frontend), Flask (backend), MongoDB (DB), OpenCV + KMeans (AI), Firebase/Cloudinary (image storage)

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## 🔹 What I Built

- \*\*Day 7 Focus (Frontend)\*\*:

- Implemented \*\*palette visualization UI\*\*:

- Color swatches for top 3–5 hex colors.

- Hex codes displayed under each swatch.

- Loading indicator for smoother UX.

- Error messages for failed/invalid uploads.

## 🔹 Skills Demonstrated

- \*\*React UI development\*\* with error/loading states.

- \*\*Asynchronous Axios integration\*\* with Flask backend.

- \*\*UX improvements\*\* (feedback indicators, error boundaries).

- \*\*Version control\*\* with feature branching, PR merges, and structured commits.

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✅ This project demonstrates my ability to build \*\*full-stack AI-driven applications\*\* with clean UI/UX, structured backend services, and disciplined Git workflow.

# Black Styles — Portfolio Highlight (Day 8)

## 🔹 Focus

- Implemented \*\*outfit persistence\*\* across backend & frontend.

- Each outfit includes:

- Uploaded image

- Extracted color palette

- Assigned theme (e.g., Autumn/Winter)

## 🔹 Backend

- Created REST endpoints for saving/fetching outfits

- Introduced JSON persistence layer (`outfits.json`) with easy swap to DB

## 🔹 Frontend

- Updated UploadForm to persist outfits

- Added OutfitCard for clean outfit visualization

- Extended RecentOutfits to fetch from backend

## 🔹 Skills Demonstrated

- \*\*Full-stack feature development\*\* (backend routes + frontend integration)

- \*\*Persistent data handling\*\*

- \*\*UI/UX improvements\*\* for displaying complete outfits

### Black Styles — Day 9

\*\*Focus:\*\* UX Improvements (Captions + Clipboard Feedback)

- Implemented captions for outfits:

- Users can add custom captions when uploading.

- Captions stored in backend and displayed in Recent Outfits.

- Improved copy-to-clipboard:

- Replaced intrusive alert popups with inline tooltip confirmation.

- Technologies: React, Flask, Axios, JSON persistence.

### Black Styles — Day 10

\*\*Focus:\*\* Outfit Tagging & Categorization

- Extended outfit model with \*\*tags\*\* (Formal, Streetwear, Workwear, etc.).

- Tags added via frontend form, persisted in backend JSON.

- Outfits now display tags as styled badges under captions.

- Enables future \*\*filtering & search\*\* by tags.

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## 3. Portfolio Snippet

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### Black Styles — Day 11

\*\*Focus:\*\* Outfit Filtering by Tags

- Added \*\*tag-based search\*\* for outfits.

- Backend supports `GET /api/outfits/search?tag=<tag>`.

- Frontend includes a search bar to filter outfits dynamically.

- Tags styled as modern pill badges for readability.

- Enables scalable categorization (Formal, Casual, Streetwear, etc.).

# 📖 Black Styles — Project Documentation (Up to Day 11)

## Overview

Black Styles is a React + Flask web app that extracts clothing color palettes and recommends culturally rich styles.

It supports outfit saving, captions, tags, and now \*\*tag-based filtering/search\*\*.

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## Tech Stack

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React (Vite), Axios

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Flask (Python)

- \*\*AI/Processing:\*\* OpenCV, KMeans

- \*\*Persistence:\*\* JSON (MongoDB Atlas planned)

- \*\*Version Control:\*\* GitHub with feature branches

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## Features Implemented (Day 1 → Day 11)

1. ✅ Project scaffolding

2. ✅ File upload + validation

3. ✅ Color palette extraction

4. ✅ Logging & error handling

5. ✅ Upload form + UI states

6. ✅ Display color swatches + hex values

7. ✅ Palette persistence

8. ✅ Outfit saving & recent outfits

9. ✅ Captions + improved clipboard UX

10. ✅ Tags support in outfits

11. ✅ Tag-based search & filter

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## 3. Portfolio Snippet

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### Black Styles — Day 12

\*\*Focus:\*\* Multi-Tag Search & Grid Layout

- Backend: extended outfit search to support multiple tags (`?tags=Formal,Casual`).

- Frontend: multi-select dropdown of popular tags, wired to new API.

- Added responsive \*\*grid layout\*\* for outfit cards, improving UI clarity.

- Strengthens categorization and browsing experience for users.

# 📖 Black Styles — Project Documentation (Up to Day 12)

## Overview

Black Styles is a React + Flask web app that extracts clothing color palettes and recommends culturally rich styles.

The app now supports outfit saving, captions, tags, and \*\*multi-tag filtering with a grid layout UI\*\*.

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## Tech Stack

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React (Vite), Axios, Tailwind CSS

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Flask (Python)

- \*\*AI/Processing:\*\* OpenCV, KMeans

- \*\*Persistence:\*\* JSON (MongoDB Atlas planned)

- \*\*Version Control:\*\* GitHub with feature branches

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## Features Implemented (Day 1 → Day 12)

1. ✅ Project scaffolding

2. ✅ File upload + validation

3. ✅ Color palette extraction

4. ✅ Logging & error handling

5. ✅ Upload form + UI states

6. ✅ Display color swatches + hex values

7. ✅ Palette persistence

8. ✅ Outfit saving & recent outfits

9. ✅ Captions + improved clipboard UX

10. ✅ Tags support in outfits

11. ✅ Tag-based search & filtering

12. ✅ Multi-tag filtering + grid layout UI

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## 3. Portfolio Snippet

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### Black Styles — Day 13

\*\*Focus:\*\* Theme-Based Filtering + Sidebar UI

- Backend: extended outfit search to support \*\*tags + theme\*\* combined filters.

- Frontend: added \*\*filter sidebar\*\* with multi-tag dropdown and theme selector.

- Outfits displayed in responsive \*\*grid layout\*\* with swatches, captions, and styled tags.

- Enables refined browsing (e.g., "Formal + Winter" or "Casual + Summer").

# 📖 Black Styles — Project Documentation (Up to Day 13)

## Overview

Black Styles is a React + Flask web app that extracts clothing color palettes and recommends culturally rich styles.

The app now supports outfit saving, captions, tags, \*\*multi-tag filtering\*\*, and \*\*theme-based combined filtering\*\*.

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## Tech Stack

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React (Vite), Axios, Tailwind CSS

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Flask (Python)

- \*\*AI/Processing:\*\* OpenCV, KMeans

- \*\*Persistence:\*\* JSON (MongoDB Atlas planned)

- \*\*Version Control:\*\* GitHub with feature branches

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## Features Implemented (Day 1 → Day 13)

1. ✅ Project scaffolding

2. ✅ File upload + validation

3. ✅ Color palette extraction

4. ✅ Logging & error handling

5. ✅ Upload form + UI states

6. ✅ Display color swatches + hex values

7. ✅ Palette persistence

8. ✅ Outfit saving & recent outfits

9. ✅ Captions + improved clipboard UX

10. ✅ Tags support in outfits

11. ✅ Tag-based search & filtering

12. ✅ Multi-tag filtering + grid layout UI

13. ✅ Theme-based filtering + combined sidebar

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## 💼 Portfolio Snippet

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### Black Styles — Day 14

\*\*Focus:\*\* Sorting + Sidebar UX Enhancement

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Added sorting support (`newest`, `oldest`, `alphabetical`) to outfit search API.

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* Improved browsing with collapsible filter sidebar and sorting dropdown.

- \*\*UI Polish:\*\* Introduced colored tag badges for a refined visual identity.

- Enhanced user experience for navigating culturally grounded fashion recommendations.

# 📖 Black Styles — Project Documentation (Up to Day 14)

## Overview

Black Styles is a React + Flask AI fashion app that extracts color palettes and recommends outfits optimized for aesthetic appeal and cultural nuance.

The project now includes filtering, sorting, persistence, and a polished interface.

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## Tech Stack

- \*\*Frontend:\*\* React (Vite), Axios, Tailwind CSS

- \*\*Backend:\*\* Flask (Python)

- \*\*Image/AI:\*\* OpenCV, KMeans

- \*\*Storage:\*\* JSON files (MongoDB Atlas integration planned)

- \*\*Version Control:\*\* GitHub with feature branches & PRs

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## Features Implemented (Days 1–14)

1. ✅ App structure + Flask backend

2. ✅ Upload + color extraction

3. ✅ Logging + validation

4. ✅ Cropping + graceful errors

5. ✅ Frontend upload & feedback

6. ✅ Palette swatches

7. ✅ Palette persistence

8. ✅ Outfit saving + retrieval

9. ✅ Captions & clipboard

10. ✅ Tagging outfits

11. ✅ Tag filtering

12. ✅ Multi-tag filtering

13. ✅ Theme-based filtering + combined sidebar

14. ✅ Sorting (newest/oldest/alphabetical) + collapsible sidebar & color badges

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## Current Folder Layout (After Day 14)