

BUILD YOUR CAPSULE WARDROBE

CHEAT SHEET

WHY A CAPSULE WARDROBE?

A capsule wardrobe proves that you don't need endless clothes or a walk-in closet to look stylish every day. With just a few well-chosen, versatile pieces, you can build a collection that works together effortlessly, giving you plenty of outfit options without overspending.

It's the perfect solution for those of us with a smaller wardrobe space and a realistic budget. Instead of chasing every new trend, you focus on timeless staples that make you feel confident and put-together, proving that great style doesn't require endless shopping or a huge wardrobe.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS GUIDE?

- 1 What pieces you need to start your capsule wardrobe
- 2 How to combine your clothes to create endless outfits
- 3 When to let go of your clothes and give them a new home



PART 1: WHAT PIECES DO YOU NEED?

A capsule wardrobe is all about versatility and timeless style. Here's what to keep in mind when selecting your pieces:

1

Stick to neutral colors – Black, white, grey, navy, and beige make mixing and matching effortless.

2

Prioritize classic cuts – Well-fitting, timeless silhouettes work for both casual and dressy looks.

3

Choose quality over quantity – Durable fabrics keep their shape and last longer.

4

Keep details minimal – Simple designs are easier to style in multiple ways.

5

Focus on versatility – Each piece should work across different outfits and occasions.

6

Think about variety – Avoid buying multiple pieces with the same cut or style; mix different fits or colors to create more outfit options.

By following these principles, you can create a wardrobe that's stylish, practical, and easy to maintain.



Now that you know the key principles, let's look at the actual pieces that make up a great capsule wardrobe. Each item is carefully chosen to mix and match effortlessly, giving you endless outfit possibilities with just a few pieces.

But remember, this is a guide, not a rulebook! You don't need to own every item listed. If you prefer skirts over trousers, swap them in. Not a fan of silk skirts? A denim one might suit you better. The key is to choose pieces that fit your personal style while keeping your wardrobe functional and versatile.

Let's dive in!

TROUSERS



JEANS



Pick the jeans cuts **you** are comfortable with.

Skinny, wide or bootcut?



T-SHIRTS



LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS



KNITS



BLAZERS



SHIRTS



SKIRTS



SHOES

Shoes can easily pile up, but the key to keeping them minimal yet functional is to think about occasion and purpose. Instead of owning endless pairs, focus on shoes that cover different needs.

Consider having:

Dressy shoes – Like heeled boots or sleek loafers for polished looks.

Everyday boots – Both heeled and flat options for versatility.

Warm-weather shoes – Sandals or airy flats for summer.

Sneakers – One neat pair and one chunky pair, no need for more!

If you prefer brown over black, go for it! Or, for shoes you wear often, owning both colors can help match different outfits, like coordinating with belts or bags. By choosing wisely, you'll have the right shoes for every occasion without overcrowding your closet.



Neat sneaker



Chunky sneaker



Heeled boot



Chelsea boot



Sandals



Loafers



Party heels



Tall boots

BELTS



BAGS



JEWELRY

Just like with clothing, a small but well-chosen jewelry collection goes a long way.

A gold necklace, a silver necklace, one pair of chunky earrings, and a pair of simple studs are enough to cover different looks.

Whether you prefer silver, gold, or a mix of both, jewelry adds personality and elevates your outfits, especially when working with a simple, timeless wardrobe.

JACKETS FOR AUTUMN/WINTER



JACKETS FOR SPRING/SUMMER



Tip!

Remember that blazers can double as lightweight outerwear during these seasons.

PART 2: HOW TO COMBINE YOUR CLOTHES TO CREATE ENDLESS OUTFITS

Now that you have your core pieces, it's time to get creative! The beauty of a capsule wardrobe is how easily everything can be mixed and matched to create countless outfits. With just a few well-chosen items, you can build a wardrobe that works for almost any occasion.

To take your looks to the next level, don't forget the power of **jewelry and accessories**. These small additions can completely transform an outfit—whether it's a statement necklace, a chic belt, or a pair of bold earrings. They're the finishing touches that give each outfit its own personality and flair.

Let's explore how you can combine your pieces to create versatile, stylish looks for every day.



OUTFIT 1



OUTFIT 2



OUTFIT 3



OUTFIT 4



OUTFIT 5



OUTFIT 6



OUTFIT 7



OUTFIT 8



OUTFIT 9



PART 2: WHEN TO LET GO OF CLOTHES AND GIVE THEM A NEW HOME

A well-functioning wardrobe isn't just about what you add, it's also about knowing when to let things go. Here are some signs that it's time to give a piece a new home:

1

You haven't worn it for an entire season – If a piece has stayed in your closet untouched, chances are you won't reach for it next season either.

2

It only works for one outfit – Capsule wardrobes are all about versatility. If something is too detailed or specific to style in multiple ways, it might not be the best fit.

3

It doesn't feel like "you" anymore – Styles change, and that's okay! If a piece no longer suits your taste, let it go.

4

It's uncomfortable or doesn't fit right – If you're constantly adjusting or avoiding an item, it's not worth keeping.

5

You're always choosing something else instead – If a piece is always your last pick, it's probably time to move on.

Instead of letting unwanted clothes take up space, give them a second life by selling them on second-hand apps like Vinted. Someone else will **love them**, and you'll **free up space** for a wardrobe that truly works for you!

I hope you found this guide helpful and will give you inspiration to build your own capsule wardrobe.

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