

HOW TO CREATE A CAPSULE WARDROBE

Five Steps to a Wardrobe That Works Harder and Feels Like You

STEP 1 — START WITH YOUR LAYER



- Choose one primary layering piece — *blazer, cardigan, jacket, or denim jacket*
- It reflects your climate, lifestyle, and personal taste
- Everything else will be chosen to work with this piece

STEP 2 — ADD TWO DIFFERENT BOTTOMS



- Bottom #1 — choose a silhouette and fabric — *e.g., drapey wide-leg trouser*
- Bottom #2 — a DIFFERENT silhouette and fabric — *e.g., structured straight-leg jean*
- Both bottoms work with your layering piece
- Both bottoms work with the bases you'll add next

STEP 3 — ADD TWO BASE LAYERS (THAT ALSO WORK ALONE)



- Base #1: works on its own AND under your layer — *e.g., silky shell, refined knit top*
- Base #2: different neckline, fabric, or sleeve than Base #1 — *e.g., a striped tee — stripes are a neutral!*
- Both bases work with both bottoms and your layering piece
- Both feel right for your comfort, climate, and style

STEP 4 — FILL THE HOLES



- Try on all five pieces together — mix and match
- Name the gap: work? evenings? casual? more personality?
- Add ONE piece to fill the biggest hole — *a dress, a second layer, a statement piece*

STEP 5 — BUILD OUT FOR YOUR SCHEDULE



- Decide how many looks you need: one week / month / season
- Add versatile pieces that mix with everything chosen so far
- Add 1–2 statement pieces that show your personality

THE TEN-OUTFIT TEST



Can you make 10 real outfits from your capsule? If not, keep working.

- 10 complete, wearable, real-life outfits

If you can't hit ten real outfits, try swapping one piece — or come back tomorrow with fresh eyes.

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Capsule Wardrobe Shopping Guide

SHOES (AT LEAST 2, NO MORE THAN 3)



- Shoe #1 — dressier option
- Shoe #2 — casual option
- Shoe #3 — optional, to extend a full season — *choose a neutral tone*

BAGS (AT LEAST 2)



- Everyday bag — tote, shoulder bag, or crossbody
- Second bag for your biggest life occasion — *evening clutch, laptop tote, belt bag*
- Consider a bold color here if your clothes are mostly neutral

THE EXTRAS



- Polarized sunglasses that fit and are in good condition
- Gold hoops or a classic earring
- A necklace or cuff that elevates a simple top in seconds
- A signature lip color — your 'I'm done getting ready' signal

SHOPPING SANITY CHECK



Before buying anything new, ask yourself:

- Does it work with 3+ genuinely different pieces I already own? — *if you can't picture 3 real outfits in the fitting room — leave it*
- Does it fit my body right now — not someday?
- Does it fit my ACTUAL lifestyle — the real one, not imaginary?
- Is it within my existing color story? — *introduce one new color direction at a time*

MY CAPSULE NOTES



My color story: _____

My primary layer: _____

Holes to fill: _____