



Closet Audit

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WHAT IS A CLOSET AUDIT?

- Taking the time to analyze, purge and renew your closet! You can DIY using this method or hire an expert.
- Allow a few hours of time to dedicate to this process (length depends on size of your closet)
- A document or notebook to write down your observations
- Setting yourself up for wardrobe (and shopping) success.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I AUDIT? ANNUALLY!

- Understand what my 2023 Wardrobe would require.
- Figure out the "new" business dress for today's times.
- Figure out the best, fewest items that would help me fill the gaps.
- Understand Color in my wardrobe, was it working for me?
- What is my target image and am I communicating to the world what I really want to say.
- PURGE what is no longer serving you and your image. Decide on Thrift or Consignment to eliminate the old!
- Create a "Thriftinista Shopping Map" for my new wardrobe!



STEP 1

- Look through your closet and evaluate EVERY piece:
- When is the last time I wore this outfit/item?
- Does it still fit?
- Will I wear it? Think about your life today and your needs daily activities, upcoming events, can you picture yourself wearing this?
- Is it still in style?
- Did I receive any compliments when I wore this piece?
- Did anyone comment on the color when I wore this piece?
- What's my favorite outfit and why?
- What's my least favorite outfit and why?
- What is my main motivation for refreshing my style?



STEP 2

- Ala Marie Kondo (the queen of clothing audits)
- Take every item out of the closet and put it on the bed.
- Based on Step One, what needs to go? What needs to stay?
- Are there any seasonal items that need to be stored?

STEP 3

Dig out those off-season items and go through them the same way. No use in wasting storage space on things you'll never wear again. Plus... you're on a roll now...**lets get it done!!**



STEP 4

Grab a notebook or a spreadsheet and create your closet catalog.

Cataloging and what you will learn:

- How many items of clothing do you have? _____
- How many do you LOVE? _____
- How many items do you wear often (per season) _____
- What are your favorite colors? _____
- Are your favorite colors different from the compliment colors? _____



STEP 5-Now What?

What are you going to do with the items that need to go?

When you're done logging your items, you'll have a decent amount of data about the clothes, colors, and kinds of items you wear most often. You're probably also exhausted from this process. Don't worry, this is the last step.

Take stock of the "yes" clothes hanging in your closet. Do you have enough for the next few days? If not, add back some necessary items from your "maybe" pile. Then, put the rest in a box, bag, or plastic tub.



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Donation/Sale choices

Donation to a thrift or mission centered organization. (I personally like shops that support animals OR something i can see in my community)

<http://www.goodwill.org>
<https://denver.dressforsuccess.org/>

Sell online to places like:
ThreadUp,
Posh Mark,
E Bay.
Facebook Marketplace
Facebook Groups
Have a Garage Sale

Consignment Shops in person is a great option IF you have high end, pricy items.

Consignment is **Not** the place to go if most of your wardrobe comes from lower end department stores or discount stores.

No matter what, **DO NOT** dispose of your clothing in the trash. The average American improperly disposes of 68 pounds of textiles! That would be equal to taking 1,000,000 cars off of the road!

I have a "No new hangers" rule. I must dispose of, when I want to bring new things in.

What to Expect?

Don't be surprised if you have a dramatically pared down closet at this point. Not to worry, you are not alone! The pandemic dramatically altered everyone's wardrobe to be more casual and comfortable. The very reason there are more stilettos in thrift stores than ever before!

Personally, I still love heels, so it is a massive, juicy treasure hunt for me these days!!



What About Color?

This may be controversial BUT...I am no longer a big follower of the color wheel. I was once a strict devotee to my fall pallet and after a few years i started to go back to my FAVS of Hot pink, black and silver. Here is the point that I became the devotee of the basic "Compliment" color. When you wear a certain color, you get lots of compliments...thats it, simple and eezy peezy!