

HOW TO BUILD A CAPSULE WARDROBE IN 5 EASY STEPS



"Don't be into trends. Don't make fashion own you, but you decide what you are, what you want to express by the way you dress and the way to live." —**Gianni Versace**

If you are like me, you are probably at that transitional stage of your life where you have outgrown trends and want to present yourself to the world as a well put together woman who knows what she is about. If you are looking to make a change and elevate your wardrobe with a limited budget, keep reading as I will be sharing a few helpful tips on how to Build a Capsule Wardrobe in 5 Easy steps! Consider us your Fashion guide on all things *Haute!*

What we will discuss

Step 1: Wardrobe Audit

Step 2: Selecting Key Pieces

Step 3: Analyse your Style and Lifestyle

Step 4: Add Shoes and Accessories

Step 5: Add some Personality

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Do a Wardrobe Audit

This is where you will take the time to carefully go through all the pieces in your wardrobe to see the items you will be keeping to build your capsule wardrobe. Believe it or not, you might

already have a few key pieces to build out a capsule wardrobe.

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Key Pieces

Key pieces are like the foundation you need to Build a Capsule Wardrobe. These are items that can be worn on their own, or mixed and matched with other items to create several outfits. Key pieces are but not limited to:

- Little Black Dress
- A structured Blazer - stick to neutral pieces like black and navy blue and it should compliment your body type and height
- Basic Tee's - neutral colours like black, white, grey, dark brown
- Dark Wash Denim (no rips)
- Black Jeans (No rips)
- Light Colour Denim (no rips)
- Button down shirt - neutral colours like white and black
- Dress pants/Slacks -black, navy blue and/or light brown

Analyse Your Style and Lifestyle

This is dependent on your career and daily lifestyle choices and the clothing you will need to carry out these tasks. If you work in a corporate and professional setting, you will need to invest in more structured pieces like Blazers that might be a bit more expensive that will last you a longer time. If you work in a laid back creative industry you will need to invest in jeans that can be paired with other pieces and can be styled in a number of ways.



Add Shoes and Accessories

These are some of the most challenging items to add as there are so many to choose from. As it relates to shoes, neutrals are your friend -- opt for nude, black, brown and white and as you start to build, include bold colours like Red, Yellow and Green. Apart from the colour, shoe style is another important factor. Look to add styles like pumps, open toe, ballet flats, sandals and sneakers.

As it relates to accessories opt for pieces that are more dainty than gaudy in finishes that suit your skin tone. If you have a darker skin-tone opt for gold jewellery rather than silver and opt for items that can be worn with all or most of your outfits. A gold/silver chain is considered a staple item as are pearls as they are timeless and never go out of style.



Add some Personality

Now that you have an idea of the pieces to build your Capsule Wardrobe, it's time to put it all together and have some fun! Once you have added these items to your wardrobe, try to organise them by colour and type so they look neat in your wardrobe and will encourage you to shop your closet.

Remember Fashion is the clothing you wear and style is how you put them together by infusing your own personality.

Conclusion

Creating a Capsule Wardrobe can be accomplished in 5 easy steps once you have an idea of your style and the look you are going for. Now that you know how to create a Capsule Wardrobe, you will also enjoy getting dressed faster and have more fun creating multiple looks from key pieces in your wardrobe.

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