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Introduction

Learning how to live on a budget can be a challenge, whether you are single, married, widowed, or a single parent.

But that doesn't mean that you have to settle for frumpy clothes or the local thrift store's bargain bin. With creativity and insight about who you are, you will be able to make an action plan to go shopping two or three times a year. Yes – two or three times a year for what you absolutely need!

Now that doesn't mean that you can never go shopping other than those few times a year, but it does give you control over your clothing inventory, as well as the clothing inventory for the rest of the people who live with you. Plus, you will feel great knowing that you bought what you needed and in the style that looks good on you.

You will learn hints from cleaning out drawers and closets to learning about when to go shopping to get the most value for your dollar. Going shopping without your kids or your significant other also helps to reduce stress and make the shopping trip more manageable and fun. Instead, you will be encouraged to take along a buddy to assess what really looks good on you.

So get comfortable with your favorite mug of tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, and get ready to look great on a tight budget. Happy shopping!

About the Author

Wendy Komanchek is a freelance writer, who loves to shop for discounts and second-hand clothing. Finding quality items for a reasonable price and which makes her family and home look fabulous, gives Komanchek a boost in her day, week, and month!

Her family appreciates her good eyes to find colors and styles that make them look good all year round!

1. Define Your Style

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~~Think about what defines your style of dress. Is it a specific color scheme that brings out your friendly personality? Or is it basic colors of navy, heather gray, or khaki that highlight your practical side?~~

Answer these questions to define your style:

What type of clothing works for you?	
What colors look good on you?	
Do you like trendy, sporty, professional attire?	
What's your body shape?	
How tall are you?	
Do you like accessories?	
Do you go out a lot in the evenings?	
What type of places do you go to when you go out?	
Do you need easily changeable clothing to meet your work and social needs?	

Your answers to these questions can help you as you make your clothing shopping lists. They help you narrow down what your style is and what type of clothing looks good on you. For example, if you have a Chamber of Commerce mixer right after work, you need mix and match outfits that can transform from professional attire to after-hours attire.

2. Make a List – Part 1

When making a shopping list, consider what you like to wear.

You will be writing two lists: a needs list and a wants list. Stick to your lists of what you need and what you want, as well as your style and shape lists.



1. Make a list of what clothing you need:

- ✓ How many pairs of underwear do you need?
- ✓ Do you need new bras, slips, pantyhose, boxers, briefs, or a swimming suit/trunks this season?
- ✓ How are your pajamas holding up?
- ✓ What about new coats for winter – need to update or replace them?

2. Make a list of casual clothes that you need for this upcoming season:

- ✓ Do you need jeans, sweaters, turtlenecks, or tee-shirts?
- ✓ Do you need new spring and summer basics like shorts or tee-shirts?
- ✓ Stick with the basics – mix and match outfits provide flexibility and versatility.

3. Stick with easily washed materials:

- ✓ Polyester
- ✓ Cotton
- ✓ Spandex
- ✓ Mixed synthetic fibers

Making a list of summer clothes is smart shopping, just like making a shopping list of the types of food you need from the market each week. You can brainstorm ideas of the types of clothing you want to buy by looking at store catalogues and newspaper advertisements. Take note of popular colors and fabrics, along with the types of sales that these stores are having.

3. Make a List – Part 2

To finish your needs list, consider what clothes get worn on a daily basis and what clothes get worn on a weekly basis.

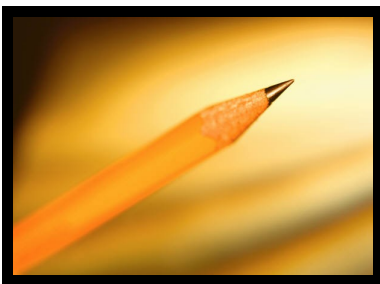
- ✓ Buy clothes with dual purposes in mind. For example, buy a blazer to go with jeans as well as skirts.
- ✓ Sweats and jeans work well for weekends. Depending on your job, you can wear casual-professional attire, which can be easily mixed and matched.
- ✓ Save really formal dresses and suits for those special occasions such as weddings, family photos, and religious observances – you'll save money because you only need one or two formal outfits to attend these gatherings.

After you have made your needs list, you can now make a wants list. Think big and enjoy wishing. You may not end up buying all of your wants. But, it is fun to wish and plan out your wishes to spend later with birthday money or tax refund checks. Budget your money to buy those wants items as you can afford them.

Here are some ideas to consider when making your wants list:

- ✓ Do you want a new dress or suit?
- ✓ What style, length, or type of dress or suit do you want to buy?
- ✓ Do you want it to be formal or casual?
- ✓ What color mix do you want your dress or suit to be?
- ✓ Is this an outfit that you can put together with your needs list?

Being organized with lists can help you stay on a budget, and a list allows you to buy the type of clothing that you enjoy wearing as well as looking good when you wear them.



Making a list will free you when you go shopping. You will know which departments to head to first.

List making will also make your shopping trip more fun because you can focus on getting the clothing that will meet your budget as well as your taste.

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