



# Pocket Guide

THE CAPSULE WARDROBE  
1,000 OUTFITS FROM  
THIRTY PIECES

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## JEANS

Choose an alternate shape to skinny if that suits you better, such as a wider leg.



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## CASUAL TROUSERS

(taupe or mushroom)  
Look for a casual pant with limited embellishments such as stitching detail so that you can dress it up if needed.



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## TAILORED BLACK TROUSERS

Select a style and cut that flatters you best in a good fabric that can take you from day to night



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## TAILORED STONE TROUSERS

Choose a color a few shades darker than your stone blazer. Cream, off white, pale grey or a very light brown are alternate options. Select a more casual fabric than your tailored black pants.



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### TAILORED SHORTS

Stone, taupe or mushroom coloured. Tailored and not too casual will take you from day to night.



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### CASUAL SKIRT

(denim or cotton)

Although a straight or pencil cut style will be the most versatile, select an A-line or a drop waist if these flatter you better.



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### BLACK SKIRT

Look for a pencil or straight skirt that has interesting detail so that it can take you from office to play.



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### BLACK BASIC TANK

With straps wide enough to wear a bra, or a short sleeve if you prefer. If you aren't a fan of black, select a dark charcoal instead.



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### WHITE BASIC TANK

If white doesn't suit you, an off-white or cream will do just the trick.



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### ACCENT COLORED BLOUSE 1

Choose a bold, cheerful color, in a silk or satin that works with both black and tan/cream items.



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### ACCENT COLORED BLOUSE 2

Look for a 2nd colored blouse. Keep the length just long enough to tuck in (usually mid way down the bum).



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### LONG SLEEVE TOP IN COLOR

Choose a 3/4 sleeve if you prefer but keep it fitted so you can layer the top under dresses and blazers.



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### LONG SLEEVE TOP IN BLACK

Select a version in charcoal if black does not work for you. A low scoop or V-neck is best.



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### CASUAL DAY DRESS

Look for a dress that can be worn with a blazer or casually with sandals. A print / pattern with a mix of colours will give you maximum versatility.



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### LITTLE BLACK DRESS

Ideally look for a short or cap sleeve. Ideally this dress can be layered over your long sleeved tops and dressed up for night.



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### WARM BLACK PARKA

Look for a warm, snug and more casual parka for winter days. Add more to your jacket collection as needed if you live in very a cold climate.



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### TRENCH / COAT

A classic coat or trench in a stone / beige will coordinate with everything. If you live in a warmer climate choose a lighter weight fabric and shorter length coat.



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### BLACK CARDIGAN

Ensure this gives you plenty of shape and is not too baggy or slouchy, with a flattering neckline.



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### BLACK BLAZER

A blazer with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve will be easiest to match with jeans as well as dressier items. Look for detail like ruched sleeves or interesting buttons.



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### STONE BLAZER

Once again select a  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve. Ensure the blazer works with your casual and tailored pants.



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### CASUAL JACKET

This is your weekend go-to jacket so choose a relaxed style that will go with your accent coloured pieces, eg. khaki, navy, even dusty gold.



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### BLACK TOTE

Patent leather will make this tote easy to dress up or down, as the shine adds depth and formality to the bag.



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### TAN TOTE

Choose accents of gold or silver hardware depending on your preference but for maximum versatility, don't go overboard with details / hardware and keep it simple.



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### BLACK CLUTCH

For dressier, evening occasions - but if a clutch isn't your thing, a smaller shoulder bag is a great alternative.



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### BLACK KNEE-HIGH BOOTS

A pair in patent leather will add pizzazz to any outfit. If you live in a warmer climate you could select a small bootie instead.



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### BLACK HEELS

An enclosed heel in patent leather is great with dresses or trousers. A rounded toe is more versatile and easier to match with opaque tights than a pointed toe. Choose a height as tall as you wish.



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### NUDE / TAN WEDGES

Coordinate the shade of tan to complement your tan tote bag. It doesn't have to be an exact match but a shade that is in the same color family.



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### STRAPPY BLACK HEELS

For those nights out and formal occasions. A t-bar is usually the most flattering style as it elongates your leg and foot. Select a wedge or kitten heel as an alternative.



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### DRESSY SANDALS

A pair of flat sandals in tan or bronze will coordinate with your tan bag for summer days. Silver is also a great alternative.



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### BALLET FLATS

Whether in patent, croc print or classic plain leather, a reliable black flat is required to run around in. If more your style, look for a street shoe or runners instead.

# Checklist

*Use this page to keep track of what you have and what you still need*

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- 1. Jeans
- 2. Casual trousers
- 3. Tailored black trousers
- 4. Tailored stone trousers
- 5. Tailored shorts
- 6. Casual skirt
- 7. Black skirt
- 8. Black basic tank
- 9. White basic tank
- 10. Accent colored blouse 1
- 11. Accent colored blouse 2
- 12. Long sleeve top in colour
- 13. Long sleeve top in black
- 14. Casual day dress
- 15. Black dress - for day to night
- 16. Black parka
- 17. Trench / coat
- 18. Black cardigan
- 19. Black blazer
- 20. Stone blazer
- 21. Casual jacket
- 22. Black tote
- 23. Tan tote
- 24. Black clutch
- 25. Black knee-high boots
- 26. Black heels
- 27. Nude / tan wedges
- 28. Strappy black heels
- 29. Dressy sandals
- 30. Ballet flats

# Notes

*Use this space to make note of any changes or additions you'd like to make to your Capsule Wardrobe.*

*Remember the book is a guide – the best results come from adapting the list to suit where you live in terms of climate and your life style. For example – remove some of the dressier clothes and heels if you're a full time mom or add some extra thermals, boots, coats and accessories for colder climates.*

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