

Tips for organising your closet

If you have ever been late for an appointment for not being able to find your desired outfit for that one corresponding orna or hijab or tie at the right moment, you are not alone. We are used to shoving our clothes in the closet and later feel like we have nothing to wear even if we have myriad clothes.

We know it sounds daunting to give your wardrobe a makeover, but the feeling of finding right things at the right time is unparalleled. We are aware of the story that you organise your closet every now and then and even then, it does not stay organised.

The pitfalls behind the cliché are firstly, you did not really organise your closet in a way that fits your personality and lifestyle and secondly, you just tidied up things; you did not organise. To give a full makeover is to pull everything out, edit, and be intentional with how you have set it up in a way that makes sense for you.

First and foremost, you need to take everything out and keep the closet clean so that you can reimagine about how you are going to arrange things. Upon pulling out the shoved clothes, you might discover that you have three different black shirts you did not know you own. It's like digging down and coming across antiques.

Declutter things that do not fit you or match your fashion anymore. Put it up for donation or consignment. Have the desire to purge things that you do not need anymore.

Keep your casual wears that you use most of the times at the top shelf hanging and visible following by your formal wears. If you are maintaining a minimal wardrobe, you can place them side by side. You can segregate them based on the colours or oldest to newest or the type of clothes.

Keep your tank tops and trousers in separate drawers in a file folded manner not pile folded. If you do not have spare shelves or drawers, you can go for DIY baskets to keep these. Maintain separate baskets for your undergarments as well and just place all the baskets beneath the hanging clothes.

Maintaining a catch-all basket is a must. This is where you keep all the accessories like cufflinks, tie, ornaments, hair-bands, hankies, glasses etc. These tiny things indeed make the biggest differences upon not finding at the right moment. Use over the door hooks for hanging belts and ornas.

If you further want to give your closet a beautiful outlook, use matching hangers.

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Wardrobe essentials to keep at all times

The pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 brought forth the minimalist in all of us. Not only have we become more conscious of our spending, we have also begun prioritising the existing contents of our closets.

While we are on the subject, let's take a look at some of the 'must-haves' for every wardrobe.

Closet lifelines

A white t-shirt is a classic with endless possibilities. It is undoubtedly one of the most important wardrobe staples we can think of.

Pair with a denim pants and sneakers, and you got yourself an effortless casual look; a tulle skirt or high-waisted tailored pants would make it look more chic. In winters, the white t-shirt is a perfect fit with all types of jackets.

We may be working from home for the past year or so, but we shouldn't look like we have dragged ourselves out of the bed every time we join a meeting.

This is why a crisp button up needs to be among the front-liners of our closets.

When traditionals are goals

Despite being a traditional outfit, kurtis have become one of the most worn casuals these days. The single piece gives us complete freedom to decide how we want to wear it.

Paired with jeans or leggings, they give a low-effort everyday look. On the other hand, wearing the same kurti with embroidered pants or palazzos and some accessories can take your style up by a notch.

Hence, some kurtis are a must in your wardrobe staples.

The all-rounder bottoms

Jeans are timeless and versatile. With zero

chances of going wrong, it is no surprise that we need to keep a pair or two of denims ready to go anytime we want.

Straight-cut or wide-legged tailored pants in basic colours will never let you go wrong for any occasion, be it office or social gathering.

Another necessity in a girl's closet is a pair of leggings. We all have days where finding a pair of bottoms for our kameez or kurti feels like a lost battle. This is where having a pair of black or white leggings will save you from a possible outfit-migraine.

Shoes we cannot live without

There is no one answer to what is more important when it comes to shoes; it's all about your preferences.

A pair of ballet flats is an absolute necessity for all of us. They give us the much-needed comfort, while looking

feminine and cute.

Sneakers on the other hand make the perfect companion for a day out.

Pumps may not be used as frequently as flats or sneakers, but we can't deny their importance for occasional and formal wear.

To finish with perfection

Much like shoes, the range of accessories we need can vary from person to person. However, there are a few staples we cannot go without.

For instance, a watch and an all-rounder belt are some items you ought to have regardless of your age, gender or personal style.

A pair of silver studs or golden hoops will never let you down.

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