



The One-Minute Clothing Quality Checklist

A practical pocket guide for checking fit, fabric and construction before you buy.

How to use it

Tick each box that passes. If a problem would stop you wearing the garment regularly, treat it as a warning even when the total score looks good.

1. Fit and movement

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The movement test

Sit, reach, bend and take a full stride without pulling or restriction.

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Balanced fit

Shoulders, waist and hems sit cleanly; buttons and pockets do not gape.

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Works with real outfits

The length and shape suit the shoes, layers and underwear you normally wear.

2. Fabric and feel

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Appropriate weight

The fabric has suitable opacity, drape and warmth for its intended use.

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Good recovery

After a gentle stretch or squeeze, the fabric moves back towards its original shape.

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Comfort against skin

No unexpected scratchiness, stiffness, clinging or irritating internal edges.

3. Construction

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Neat seams

Stitching is even and secure, with no gaps, puckering or missed stitches.

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Reliable fastenings

Buttons feel firm, buttonholes are tidy and zips move smoothly.

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Finished inside

Lining and seam allowances sit comfortably; stress points appear reinforced.

4. Care and usefulness

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Realistic care

You are willing and able to follow the washing, drying and ironing instructions.

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Three real outfits

It works with at least three outfits made from clothes and shoes you already own.

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Fills a genuine gap

It has a clear purpose rather than duplicating an item you rarely wear.

Your quick score

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12

10-12: Strong candidate 7-9: Pause and inspect 0-6: Probably leave it

Buy, Wait or Leave It?

A high checklist score is useful, but it does not replace budget, comfort or genuine need. Use these final questions to make the decision calmly.

BUY	WAIT	LEAVE
It fits comfortably, passes the quality checks, fills a real gap and works with at least three existing outfits.	You like it, but need to check your wardrobe, budget, care requirements or possible alteration costs first.	It restricts movement, needs excuses, duplicates an unworn item, exceeds your budget or relies mainly on the sale price.

The 30-second cost-per-wear sense check

PURCHASE PRICE + EXPECTED ALTERATION OR CARE COSTS

DIVIDED BY

REALISTIC NUMBER OF WEARS

Estimated cost per wear: _____

My notes

A timeless wardrobe is personal.

The best garment is not automatically the most expensive, the most neutral or the most fashionable. It is one that fits, lasts, works with your life and is worn regularly.

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