

A CONSIDERED WARDROBE

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These templates are a companion to the post “A Considered Wardrobe: How I Choose New Wardrobe Items” on talesofbutterflies.com. Please read the post for a complete guide to the process of choosing when and which fast-fashion items to buy for your wardrobe. Below is a condensed version.

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Color Palette: A good way to start figuring out your color palette is to pay attention to what colors you’re drawn to in general and what colors you like to wear.

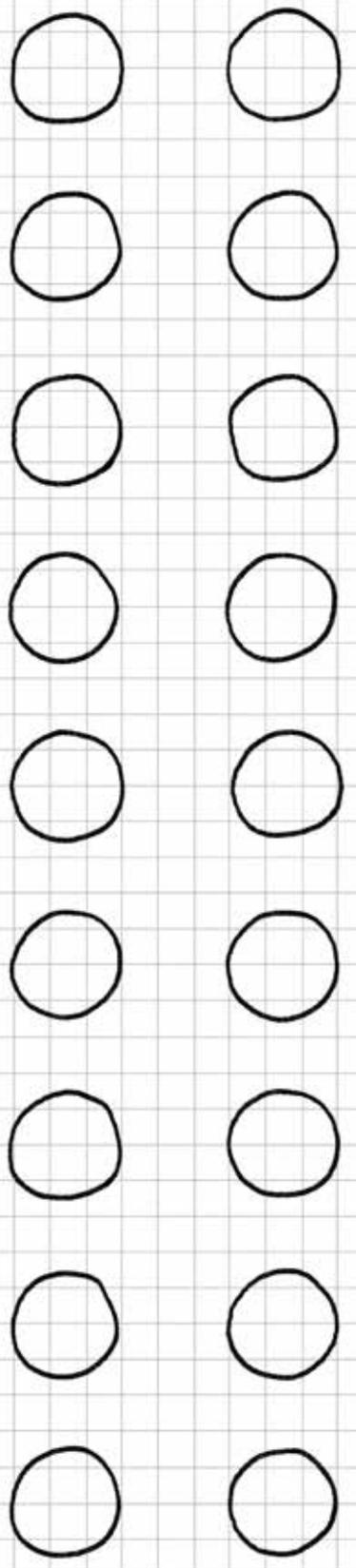
Pattern and Texture: Also pay attention and see if there are any patterns you like, such as stripes, plaids, florals, or if you’re more into solids. Also, are there any materials or textures you’re always drawn to or love to wear like knit/jersey, cotton or linen, wool in the winter?

Lifestyle: Think about your overall clothing needs in your day-to-day life - what is the dresscode where you work? What do you like to wear at home? Keep items versatile, but it doesn’t all have to be about utility.

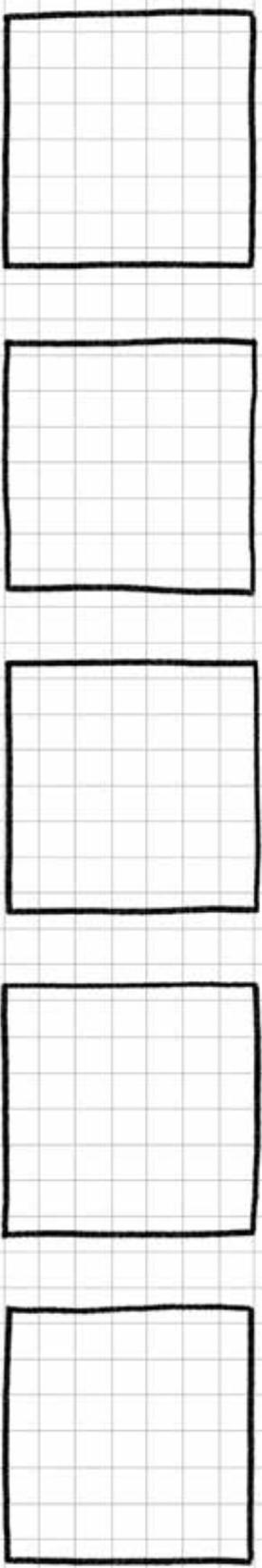
Garments can still have character. Also consider what styles you absolutely don’t like and don’t want to wear.

Along with knowing all of the above about yourself and your wants and needs, it can also be helpful to have a “wishlist” of sorts. It can include items you need, like a new pair of winter boots, or want, and it’s okay to just want something and not have an absolute need for it! Knowing your colors, patterns, needs, etc will help you wait for the right version of that item and not purchase impulsively. It also means you can wait for sales or new, better options.

Colors:



Patterns:



Wishlist: