

# WARDROBE 101 CHECKLIST

This checklist is for making sure you have all the wardrobe basics. All these pieces should be purchased in neutral colors to make getting dressed easier, and to look polished. Men's wardrobes are a little different than women's. You need more quantities/varieties of an item. That said, these are the bare minimums you want of these items, you might need more if your work/lifestyle demands more. I have outlined these pieces further on my blog [seamsgeeky.com](http://seamsgeeky.com)

## ALL SEASONS:

### Suits:

- 1 Spring/Summer suit
- 1 Fall/Winter suit

### Tops

- 2-5+ dress shirts

These should be tailored

*These shirts should be a variety of colors and textures ranging from dark to light. These do not need to stay in the neutral palette, but be sure they are in colors that work well for your skin tone and your suit color. Make sure you have at least 1 dark neutral and 1 light neutral.*

- 5-10 Undershirts
- 2+ Button-up long-sleeve casual shirts  
These can be patterned or solid in a variety of colors
- 2-5 Button-up short-sleeve casual shirts  
These can be patterned or solid in a variety of colors
- 3 Solid Polo Shirts
- 3 Sweaters  
These should be neutral colors and should vary from light to heavy weight.

### Bottoms

- 2+ Pairs of well fitted jeans  
These don't have to be blue, but you should have at least 1 pair of blue denim.  
*A good pair of men's jeans should hug the butt a bit. Also, try to get these un-distressed.*
- 2+ Pairs of neutral shorts  
Shorts should fit right above, at, or slightly below the knee  
*Please no sloppy cargos. Cargos, if worn, should be crisp and not baggy.*
- 2+ pairs of casual pants  
Khakis, Seersucker, linen, corduroy, etc
- 2-5 Pairs Slacks  
Dark and light neutrals

### Outerwear

- Denim jacket
- Leather/faux leather jacket
- Wool winter coat
- Trench coat

### Accessories

- Leather gloves
- Winter scarf
- Hat  
This should be a dressier hat
- Collar Stays
- Cuff Links
- 3-5 Pocket Squares
- 3+ Ties  
Both solid and striped
- Belts  
should match shoe colors

### Optional

- Tuxedo shirt
- A casual, neutral blazer
- 1-2+ Vests
- Simple watch

### SHOES:

- 1+ pairs of dress shoes
- 2+ pairs of casual shoes
- Athletic shoes
- Nice sandal

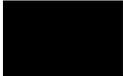
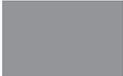
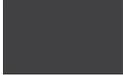
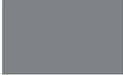
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## A NOTE ABOUT NEUTRALS:

Neutrals go with everything, which is why they're called neutrals. Its important to keep your wardrobe basics in the neutral range. They don't have to be the same color, but work better in a variety. Here's a handy reference chart of neutrals.

These don't have to be solids either, a small plaid, stripe, or check pattern can be seen as a neutral as well.

*\*Keep in mind you neutral doesn't have to be one of the above, it just makes it easier for buying pieces that are accent pieces. If you think your neutral should be red, that's fine, just be sure all your other accent pieces work with red.*

	Darks		Lights
<b>BLACK</b>			
<b>GREYS</b>			
<b>BROWNS</b>			
<b>NAVY</b>			