WARDOBE 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

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

Shoes:
- 1+ pairs of dress shoes
- 2+ pairs of casual shoes

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

A NOTE ABOUT NEUTRALS:

Neutrals go with everything, which is why they’re called neutrals. It’s 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.