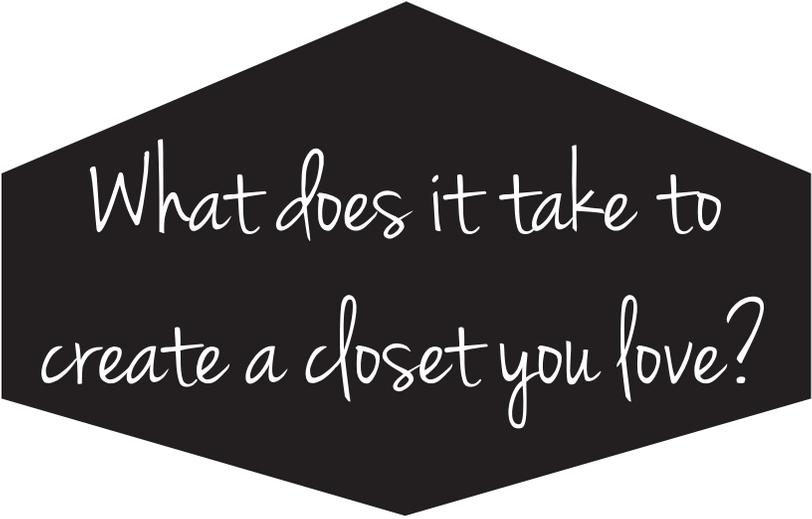# Blank Slate Patterns

2017

Wardrobe Planner

What does it take to create a closet you love?

Have you ever sewn up a beautiful garment, only for it to hang in your closet, unworn? Do you often find yourself staring into your closet and finding nothing to wear? Well this planner will help you do something about that! All it takes is some thoughtfulness and strategy to be on your way to a well-made wardrobe you love.

On the next few pages, you'll be asked to think about who you really are, who you want to be, and how your clothes support those identities. This can be as fun and frivolous or deep and soul-searching as you want it to be; just remember that the act of thinking through these questions will help you pinpoint gaps in your wardrobe and in turn, that will help you create a plan for sewing for 2017.

Also remember that you can use this planner for anyone - even kids need a functional wardrobe, so if sewing for kids is your thing, go for it! You might even find some of their answers amusing.

Answer Some Questions

On this page, find several questions about your wardrobe and lifestyle that will help you think about the kinds of clothes you want to sew. Be honest and answer as fully as you can. And remember - there are no right or wrong answers.

1. What items in your closet do you wear over and over, as soon as they're clean (and even sometimes when they're not)? List them below. Remember to think about what you ACTUALLY wear, not the things you wish you wore.

2. What items in your closet do you almost never wear? Why? Is it because of fit or style, or a change in your lifestyle or preferences?

3. If someone looked in your closet, what are the main colors they would see? Are they mostly solids or prints?

4. Where do you spend the majority of your time on weekdays? What kinds of clothes do you wear there?

Answer Some More Questions

5. Where do you spend the majority of your time on weekends? What kinds of clothes do you wear there?

6. What occasions often have you shopping or scrambling for something to wear? How often do these occasions occur?

7. Do you participate in any hobbies or other activities that require specialized clothing?

8. Are you generally happy with your current wardrobe and style or does it no longer fit your life (literally or figuratively)?

Answer a Few More Questions

9. What kinds of fabric do you like to stash? What fabrics have been in your stash forever? What do you sew immediately?

10. What is your favorite garment you've ever sewn?

11. What sewing skills might you like to add to your repertoire?

12. Why do you sew clothes?

Make a Mood Board

What styles, colors, words, images do you see for your style? Some style words for thought: artistic, athletic, bombshell, bohemian, casual, classic, comfortable, eclectic, eco conscious, feminine, fresh, gamine, luxurious, minimal, modern, preppy, polished, posh, rebellious, romantic, sexy, tailored, trend setting, unique. What words speak to you? Which ones bring you joy?

Make a mood board to reflect the style and feel of your dream wardrobe.

Review Your Answers

Think about your answers to the previous questions, and sum them up on this page - this is going to help you start to make your plan. Think about holes in your wardrobe, skills you might like to learn, clothes that you don't wear because you need things to wear with them, what is fun to sew vs where you hate to spend your time, etc.

A Pie Chart of Where I Spend My Time

Samples of My Favorite Colors to Wear
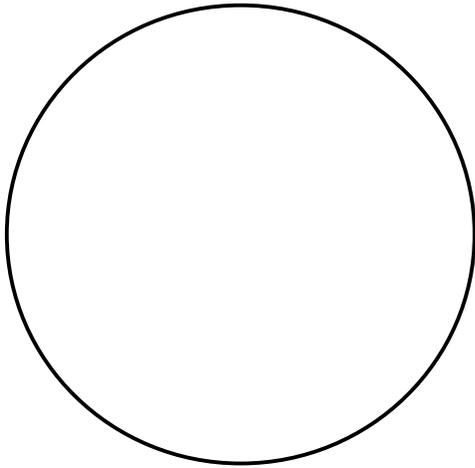
Three Words That Describe My Style

Things I Want

Things I Need

Make Some Lists

Based on your answers, let's make some lists! Customize these lists to tailor to your needs. Suggested list titles could be things like Everyday Clothes to Sew, Special Occasion Clothes to Sew, Clothes to Buy, Clothes to Mend, Clothes to Donate, etc.

Play a wardrobe game. Mix and match accessories from your closet with pieces sewn from the *Unbiased* collection. Each grid will give you 10 outfits - 4 across, 4 down, and 2 diagonally. Think carefully about the pieces in the corners and the center 4 squares since they'll each go with 3 outfits.

Depending on your lifestyle, you may want to print separate grids for weekdays, weekends, and dress up so you're covered no matter the occasion!

Wardrobe
Sudoku

Top/Dress	Bottom	Layer/Accesory	Shoes
Shoes	Layer/Accesory	Bottom	Top/Dress
Bottom	Top/Dress	Shoes	Layer/Accesory
Layer/Accesory	Shoes	Top/Dress	Bottom

Sample

Now it's time to plan! Use the following pages to plan out garments for the year. And remember, the best laid plans are meant to be broken when you find something that makes your heart sing. Just reprint pages as needed!

Tip - use the croqui forms in the back and trace if you feel like you can't draw

Project:	V-Neck Tshirts x 4
Pattern:	Free V-Neck T (Melly Sews)
Fabric:	Gray, Mint, White + Oatmeal Jersey
Notions:	none
Alterations & Notes:	Shoulder Slope + Forward Shoulder - ½"

☒ In stash
☐ Need to buy

January

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____   ☐ In stash
                                    ☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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February

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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March

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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April

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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May

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Fabric: _____

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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June

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____

☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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July

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____

☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Motions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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August

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
        ☐ In stash
        ☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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September

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____

☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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October

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____

☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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November

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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December

Project: _____

Pattern: _____

Fabric: _____
☐ In stash
☐ Need to buy

Notions: _____

Alterations & Notes: _____

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Croquis

Use these forms to help draw the garments you want to sew. Lay this page under your planning page to trace or guide your garment drawing.