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Making Silk Packable

Ask any artist, clothier or writer where they find inspiration, and they're bound to mention travel. The Swedish designer Josephine Dahlin is no exception, but she doesn't just mean beautiful vistas, museum visits and unexpected discoveries. She's talking about the fundamentals, too, like packing. "I wanted to have a collection that you can pack in a suitcase to cover all your needs," she said of her clothing line Deitas. "So it'll always remain capsule size."

With simple lines, mixable pieces and a muted palette, Deitas cuts down on the plague of morning indecision by offering the ease of a weekend-away-wardrobe at home. "I like to feel dressed up in the day, but not overdressed in the evening," Ms. Dahlin said. "So I sketched with that in mind." With an orientation toward travel, it's a bit surprising that the collection remains almost entirely silk. But Ms. Dahlin insists it's just as easy to pack. "I travel very light, and I can still fit my whole collection in a suitcase," she said.

Once she arrives at her destination, she has found a way to avoid wrinkles. "The night before I leave, I call the hotel and request a steamer for my room," she said. "It's very easy: I check in, unpack, quickly steam my wardrobe and then I'm all set." www.deitas.com.

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