

The Checklist



Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo, authors of *Nothing to Wear?*, say a few well-coordinated pieces will see you through an amazing number of situations. Go through the items in your closet, keeping only those things that pass Jesse and Joe's three-question test: *Do I love it? Is it flattering? Is this the image I want to project?*

Compare what remains with the wardrobe checklist below. Once you've checked off which pieces you already own, you'll be left with your shopping list. Go to it!

- 1 dress*
- 1 three-piece suit (jacket, pants, and skirt)
- 5 solid or colored (pastels or bold) knit tops with varying necklines V-neck, turtleneck, boatneck, and so on and sleeve lengths
- 1 white collared shirt
- 1 pair of strappy heels for evening, in black or metallic
- 1 pair of midheel leather or suede boots in chocolate brown or black
- 1 pair of flats
- 1 pair of pumps in chocolate brown or black**
- 1 pair of modern (unembellished) jeans in a dark denim wash
- 1 tweed, suede, or leather jacket that goes well with all of the above
- 1 bag or tote in brown, black, or beige or with a neutral motif
- 1 coat in navy, camel, brown, or black



*A working woman may want to add an additional dress that can be worn with a jacket during the day and alone or with a wrap for evening events and cocktails.

**Someone who doesn't go into an office every day could substitute a second pair of flats or ballet slippers for more traditional work pumps; a working woman could add a second pair of pumps to her capsule.