

# The Men's Capsule Wardrobe Checklist

*Twenty pieces for men 35–55. Print it, tick as you build.*

A capsule works because of the **ratio**: when eight tops each pair with three or four bottoms, twenty well-chosen pieces make a month of outfits. Buy the best version of each you can afford, in the palette below, and stop. Everything here combines with everything else.



NAVY CHARCOAL GREY CAMEL CHOCOLATE ECRU BURGUNDY

## Tops

8 PIECES

- Heavyweight t-shirt — white · plain, no logo
- Heavyweight t-shirt — grey
- Oxford-cloth shirt — white
- Oxford-cloth shirt — blue
- Fine merino crewneck · cream or navy
- Fine merino rollneck · charcoal or chocolate
- Knitted polo · navy or ecru
- Overshirt (shirt-jacket) · for layering

## Layers & jackets

4 PIECES

- Unstructured navy blazer
- Light jacket · Harrington, chore or field jacket
- Winter overcoat · camel or charcoal
- Merino quarter-zip or cardigan

## Bottoms

4 PIECES

- Dark straight-leg jeans · clean, no rips or fade
- Chino — stone or olive
- Grey wool trousers · flannel or high-twist
- Second chino or dark denim · your call

## Shoes & finishing

4 PIECES

- Suede loafers or derbies
- Clean minimal leather sneakers
- Suede chukka or Chelsea boots
- Leather belt + a watch you like

### Get these three right and inexpensive pieces look considered

**Fit:** relaxed-straight — clean through the shoulders, easy (not tight, not baggy) through the body and leg. A trouser that breaks once on the shoe.

**Palette:** stay tonal. Navy, charcoal, grey, camel, chocolate and ecru do 90% of the work; one quiet accent (burgundy or olive). No large logos.

**Care:** buy fewer, better, and keep them clean. Quality you maintain always beats quantity you let wear out.