

FRUGAL LIVING

TIP OF THE MONTH:

SWITCH TO A MINIMALIST WARDROBE FOR WORK



How Much Can You Save? \$100 or more per month

Making It Work:

A minimalist wardrobe can help you save money by reducing how much you spend on new clothes for work. ***You can still look professional for your job and live frugally.***

Consider these tips for switching to a minimalist wardrobe:

1. **Analyze your current clothes for work.** The first step to a minimalist wardrobe is to analyze your current outfits and find classic pieces.
 - ➔ It's easier to build a minimalist wardrobe with a foundation of classic pieces in your closet. You may want to consider traditional items such as black pants, dark jackets, neutral sweaters, and solid color skirts.
 - ➔ It's good to focus on neutral and solid colors because they're easier than patterns to mix and match to make more outfits.

➔ Also, unnecessary embellishments work against the minimalism idea.

2. **Limit your shopping for new items.** If your minimalist wardrobe requires a few extra items to work, then it's important to set guidelines and avoid overspending.

➔ Consider shopping at thrift stores or bargain centers to save money.

➔ If you need a specific item for a special occasion, you may also want to consider borrowing clothes from a friend or family member.

3. **Create simple outfits ahead of time.** You can put together ideas in advance.

➔ Instead of staring at your closet in dismay each morning, plan your outfits ahead of time. This will also help you avoid repeating the same outfit more than once a week at work.

A minimalist wardrobe can save you money, yet you can still look professional. Instead of constantly purchasing new outfits, you can work with a few classic pieces and update them as needed.