



The Zero-Waste Wardrobe Audit Framework

Every garment in your closet is a financial asset. This framework helps you audit your inventory, identify "hidden" value in damaged goods, and transition from a passive consumer to a strategic textile manager.

Part 1: The Sorting Checklist (Physical Inventory)

Instructions: Execute these steps in order to avoid decision fatigue.

- ☐ **Full Extraction:** Clear every closet, drawer, and storage bin. Place all items on a single flat surface to visualize total volume.
- ☐ **The Primary Sort:** Group items into three distinct piles:
 - **Pristine:** No repairs needed. Immediate wear.
 - **Minor Damage:** Tears, missing buttons, broken zippers, or localized fraying. (Primary targets for upcycling).
 - **Unwearable:** Major fabric rot, deep staining, or structural collapse (Retain for scrap/patching only).
- **The Fiber Authenticity Test:**
 - ☐ Check care labels. Focus exclusively on 100% natural fibers (Cotton, Wool, Linen, Denim) for high-ROI upcycling.
 - ☐ Flag synthetic blends (Polyester/Nylon) for specific low-heat repair methods only.

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Part 2: The Project ROI Table (Strategic Planning)

Instructions: Use this table to map your DIY transformation process. Focus on items where the "Estimated CPW Drop" is highest.



Item Description	Fabric Type	Damage Assessment	Selected Upcycling Method	Estimated CPW Drop	Tools Needed
<i>e.g., Denim Jacket</i>	<i>Heavy Denim</i>	<i>Elbow rip</i>	<i>Sashiko Mending</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Needle, Thread</i>

Part 3: The Repair Readiness Index (Quick Reference)

- **Low Difficulty:** Replacing buttons, fixing hems, simple patching.
- **Medium Difficulty:** Patchwork overlays, visible mending (Sashiko), resizing sleeves.
- **High Difficulty:** Total reconstruction, professional tailoring, garment dyeing.

Pro-Tip: If the "Tools Needed" column exceeds your current inventory, pause the project. Buying an unnecessary tool for a single low-value repair kills your ROI. Borrow or rent specialized machinery when possible.