

Purchasing Secondhand Linen Clothing

Description



One of my favorite ways to acquire linen clothing is through thrift shopping. Purchasing secondhand is cost effective and a fun way to spend an afternoon. Sifting through racks of clothes becomes an adventure of â??oh the things I could find!â?• As we have talked about before, linen is an amazing fabric because it gets softer and more beautiful with age. A linen garment then, along with other natural fibers, is a great piece to pick up secondhand.

When I say secondhand, Iâ??m talking about any pre-owned item. This includes both vintage and new textiles, anything previously worn.



Here are a few thrifting tips I have learned about purchasing secondhand linen clothes!

1) Define your style â?? Thrift shopping becomes simple when youâ??re confident in your personal style. Know the colors, cuts, patterns, prints, brands, etc you love to wear. Write it down or start a Pinterest board with inspiration photos, whatever you need to do to arrive at the shop with a plan.

2) Check the fiber content tag â?? So many people forget this! Lots of clothes are made from a blend of fibers. Look for 100% linen or linen mixed with other natural fibers like wool or cotton.

3) Know your measurements, not your size â?? Every brand has their own version of sizing. A size S in one brand might be a size M in another. Also, usually the textiles at a secondhand shop have already been worn and washed and dried, which could change the fit.

4) Shop the menâ??s section â?? Seriously, size down a size or two and try it. I have found many slightly oversized, timeless pieces in the menâ??s section and then tailored them to fit me. Buying a large piece and repurposing it into something new is an option too!

5) Try it on â?? Speaking of tailoring, my mom has always insisted on trying on clothes before buying them. As a kid, I really disliked this rule, but growing up and spending my own money, I agree this is a great habit to adopt.

6) Donâ??t forget the home goods section â?? Years ago I bought linen curtains for $10 at a local thrift store and cut them apart to make a dress. The possibilities are endless if you know how to sew. Get creative!



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A few places to shop for secondhand clothing:

Online: Etsy, Ebay, ThredUp, Poshmark, Facebook Marketplace. Use descriptive words when searching. This seems to be the key to success.

In person: local thrift stores, estate sales, flea markets, antique stores, consignment shops, and the list goes on.

Are you a fan of thrift shopping? Any tips you have learned over the years? Would love it if youâ??d share your favorite find in the comments!

Happy thrifting,

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