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AI Prompt: Smart Shopping Companion

A starting prompt for the moments you actually do need to buy something

When you do need to buy something, this prompt keeps you focused on the piece you actually came for. The trick is the last line — telling AI you want fewer, better pieces changes the whole shape of the answer. Otherwise it'll throw five options at you that all look the same.

Copy and Paste

I'm missing the following items from my capsule wardrobe:

[list items]

Please help me:

- Compare quality options
- Prioritize durability over trend
- Stay within a realistic budget
- Avoid unnecessary extras

Assume I want fewer, better pieces.

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Filling In the List

The list at the top is where most people get vague, and vague lists get vague answers. The more specific you are about the piece and the gap it's filling, the more useful the comparison.

What to include	Why it matters
The actual item — a wool cardigan, not a sweater	A general category gets you a general answer. A specific piece gets you a real comparison.
What you'll wear it with	Tells AI what colors and structure to recommend.
What you've tried that didn't work	Saves you from being shown the same thing again.
Your budget range	A realistic number, not a wish. Quality lives in a range, and the range matters.
How long you want it to last	A piece you'll wear for ten years deserves a different answer than one you'll wear for two.

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Questions Worth Asking After the First Answer

The first list is a draft. The useful answers come from pushing back on it.

Question	What it reveals
Why this option over the others?	Whether the recommendation is built on real differences or a guess.
What's the trade-off if I go cheaper?	Where corners get cut and whether you can live with them.
What's the trade-off if I spend more?	Whether the upgrade is worth it or just diminishing returns.
Will this still work in three years?	Pulls the answer toward durability and away from trend.
What would make this a bad choice for someone like me?	Surfaces the honest weaknesses the recommendation glossed over.

A Note on Restraint

The most useful version of this prompt is the one you use rarely. If you're running it every week, the gap finder is doing more work than the shopping companion should be. Buy fewer, better pieces, and let them earn their place over years instead of seasons.