Clothing Evaluation Guidelines

A quick guide to materials, workmanship, condition, and resale potential.

We take seasonal items. We also consider coats year-round and take furs in any season.

	What We Love	Worth a Closer Look	Reasons We May Pass
Fabric and Material	• 100% natural fibers: silk, wool, cashmere, linen, cotton • Quality denim • Real leather	• Poly-blends with high natural content (>70%) • Rayon/viscose, if clean and unwrinkled	• 100% cheap polyester, acrylic, nylon (unless vintage outdoor shell) • Dry-rotted or brittle fabrics
Craftsmanship	• Tight, even, straight stitching • French seams; bias-cut fabric • Lined jackets, skirts, and dresses	• Standard serged/overlocked seams that lie flat • Single-stitched hems with minor thread fraying	• Loose, unraveling threads at stress points • Puckered seams or crooked cuts
Finishing Touches	• Metal working zippers (YKK, riri); heavy-duty snaps • Horn, mother-of-pearl, or wood buttons	• Standard resin/plastic buttons, securely attached • Lightweight metal or smooth plastic zippers	• Stuck, rusted, or broken zippers • Missing buttons with no interior spares
Condition and Wear	• Crisp, clean • Pilling easily fixed with a fabric shaver • Shoes: new is best; well-worn boots with character and sound construction	• Light, even fading • Minor lint easily brushed off • Shoes: lightly worn	• Stains, armpit discoloration, ring around the collar, or odors (including smoke) • Moth holes, tears, or mold/musty smells • Shoes: sole separating from footbed; stitching coming undone; sweaty footprints in open-toe shoes
Labels We Love	• We consider all brands. Some of our favorites include: Ralph Lauren, Eileen Fisher, Vince, Theory, Johnny Was, Pendleton, Patagonia, Levi’s. • Premium brands we love: Zegna, Max Mara, Brunello Cucinelli, Loro Piana. • Made in USA, Italy, Japan, Scotland (pre-1990s tags)	• Mall brands in like-new condition • Fast fashion (including Shein): consider standout pieces with good quality and condition	• Poor-quality pieces with weak construction or limited resale appeal, regardless of brand
Handbags	• Handbags are great sellers! • We love quality leather bags by Louis Vuitton, Chloé, Chanel, Coach, Kate Spade, etc.	• Light wear, scuffs, or a lining that needs cleaning • Check authenticity, straps, corners, closures, and repair needs	• Peeling or cracking; broken straps or closures • Stains, sticky lining, mold, or smoke odors • Too small to fit a cell phone