

THE ART OF LAYERING

Layering, or the practice of wearing multiple thinner garments rather than a single bulky item to help keep comfortable in changing temperatures or create a dynamic style, is an effective and often under-utilized technique in the closet of personal fashion. That is why we want to share some of our best light layering pieces and how you can pair them with what is already in your closet to keep your look polished as the seasons change.

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Layering 101

Creating stylish, professional outfits does not have to be complicated. By focusing on a few keystone investment pieces that can be endlessly and easily mixed and matched, you can easily curate a cohesive capsule wardrobe. Versatile garments and functional fabrics are the key to navigating ever-changing weather comfortably and with confidence. Do not underestimate the power of layering. Embrace these essentials to refresh your look and step into fall knowing you have effortlessly mastered this business casual style.

Here are the six types of lightweight pieces everyone should have in their closet plus our tips on how to layer them for a clean look.



The Denim Jacket



The Fleece Jacket



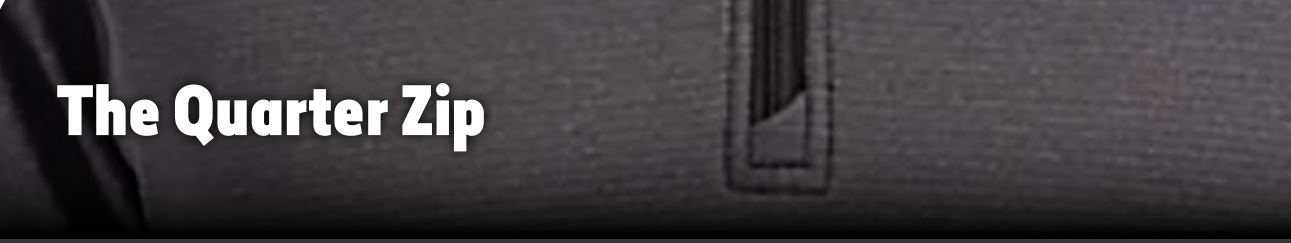
The Shirt Jacket



The Performance Jacket



The Vest



The Quarter Zip

The Denim/Canvas Jacket

This classic closet essential is a fail-safe piece that is always in style. Short button-up denim jackets are the perfect casual outer layer for summer and fall adding texture and color to your already well-considered look.

Dark denim has the power to dress up your look, elevating a cool and crisp style to match the Fall season. Treat them like a neutral and pair them with plaid button-ups or t-shirts. When temps start to really dip, the Denim Jacket is still light enough to fit comfortably beneath your heavier winter outerwear.

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The Fleece Jacket

This go-to category includes fall staples like hoodies, sweatshirts, and zip-ups that are warm and soft, made with materials ranging from polyester to cotton. Fleece jackets work well as both a middle and outer layer.

Wear it with a t-shirt, jeans, and sneakers as an outer layer for a casual everyday fit or as a middle layer with rugged jeans and boots under a bomber jacket for an active fit, ready to meet the brisk Fall temps.



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The Shirt Jacket

The shirt jacket – also known by those pressed for time as the shacket – is as you may have guessed a piece in between a shirt and a jacket. Like a jacket it is heavier than a typical shirt, but like a shirt the fit is slim rather than bulky. Their materials can range from heavy cotton knit, to flannel, to polyester, often featuring front pockets and snap closures.

Because throwing this versatile hybrid over a t-shirt and jeans requires little to no effort, you can easily take your layering to the next level for a wide range of looks. With a variety of fabrics suited for many activities from tech-y styles for campouts to suede options for date night, you will have no problem leveling up any fall outfit.

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The Performance Jacket

Often worn with moisture-wicking base layers, these include everything from nylon zip-ups, to knit pullovers, to quilted jackets.

Worn over a plaid shirt with sturdy pants and boots or with a t-shirt, joggers, and sneakers, they are perfect for work outdoors or other outdoor activities. Or for casual days when comfort is key pair them with jeans and loafers for a stylish outdoorsy business casual vibe.

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The Vest

This outerwear wonder is timeless and adds depth to your look without adding unnecessary bulk. Keep it simple: use a vest to top a long sleeve button-down, add some chinos or jeans, and bring it all home with boots for an office-friendly but outdoor-ready fit.

No sleeves no problem. As the temperatures dip later in the season, you will have no issues slotting this sleeveless shell under more heavy-duty coats and jackets.

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The Quarter Zip

An excellent balance of professionalism and comfort makes this choice ideal for casual Fridays at the office or more upscale social environments.

Layer over a collared shirt and chinos with clean sleek sneakers in neutral tones and the quarter zip will provide a contemporary look without compromising professionalism.

Wear these beneath a vest or a performance jacket to kill the chill while maintaining a cool semi casual style that will mesh with most environments from the office to the ball game.

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