If you’re going to invest time and money into making something to wear, it better be worth it. Visualising the final product is hard and if you’re unsure of whether the fabric will work, it’s even more of a risk. These tools were designed to help alleviate some of this risk. No one wants to make something which makes you feel like you’ve wasted a lot of time for nothing.

This tool is to ensure you have bought some fabric and a pattern which you know will go well with an item you already own. It will give you confidence that not only will you make what you buy, but you will look forward to wearing the finished product.

**Who is this activity for?**

Anyone who wants to make a garment and wants to ensure that it can be worn with at least one other loved item you already own.

**Why do this activity?**

You can feel confident you are not going to impulse buy and do nothing with it after

It helps you create a more sustainable wardrobe

You will get a sense of achievement after making it

Investing a bit of time at this stage means you’ll invest time at the making stage

**Length of activity**: 10-15 mins

* + - 1. Selecting your Item

Look through your clothing and accessories – all of the below count…

Skirt

Knitwear

Earrings

Blouse

Handbag

Necklace

Dress

Coat

Trousers

Shoes

Belt

Scarf

Bracelet

Sunglasses

Jumpsuit

Jacket

Cardigan

T-shirt

Shorts

Boots

* + - 1. Choose one item
* It could be you’ve not worn it yet
* You want to wear it will something new
* You want to try something different with the garment
* You want to wear it to a specific event like dinner with friends, holiday, wedding, party, city break, country break etc.
* You’ve bought it and not got anything to wear with it

Photograph the item for your reference (optional)

Complete the following:

I want to wear my item because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The look that I want to achieve with this piece is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The garment I want to make to complement my item is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I think this will make me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I wear them together. Colour I am thinking of is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* + - 1. Now circle three words from the list below that best describes your intentions with the piece you already own and the idea for the garment you want to make.

Chic

Dynamic

Easy

Fun

Sophisticated

Sharp

Practical

Put-together

Co-ordinated

Comfortable

Elegant

Matching

Flirty

Relaxed

Proud

* + - 1. Now look back at your sentences at point 2. Has anything changed?

The garment I will make is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The colour I would like it to be is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* + - 1. With the item nearby or the photo as a visual reference, go to the relevant section at [www.robeandrouge.co.uk](http://www.robeandrouge.co.uk) and select 3 possible options. If you have an account with us, put them in your wishlist for ease of reference.

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Write down names here

* + - 1. Go to suitable fabrics and browse and select 3 possibilities and/or add to your wishlist.

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Write down names here

* + - 1. Go back to point 3 and remind yourself of your adjectives to describe the look you would like to create.

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| 1. Which pattern best fits?
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| 1. Which fabric best fits?
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| 1. Note down fabric amounts and notions from pattern details
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| 1. Purchase pattern, fabric and notions all together to ensure you can start making straight away after it arrives in the post.
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| 1. Feel confident in your purchase and that you’ve considered your products carefully.
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