A plain black cardigan with cream trousers for Thanksgiving

Palette card and garment-measurement checklist • Free, no signup or purchase.

Plan a Thanksgiving outfit from a plain black crew-neck cardigan and cream trousers, with at most one accent color. Fill in the palette card with the real shades, compare them in daylight, and check the buttons and shoulders while seated at a table. The free palette card has swatch boxes and measurement rows for a cardigan you own or are considering.

You need

- Cream trousers you already own, and a simple top
- A plain black cardigan you own or are considering
- One optional accent piece, such as a scarf, shoes or a bag
- A window with daylight, a chair and a flexible measuring tape
- The free palette card and garment-measurement checklist (PDF) printed on US Letter paper, and a pen

1 Set a two-color palette

Pair a plain black crew-neck cardigan with cream trousers you already own. Choose at most one accent, such as a rust or deep green scarf, shoes or a bag. Write the real shade of each piece in the swatch boxes on the palette card.

2 Compare the colors in daylight

Lay the pieces together near a window. Blacks and creams vary in undertone, and indoor light and screens can hide the difference. Tick each swatch box when the colors look right together.

3 Try it open and buttoned, seated

Try the cardigan open over the top, then buttoned as a top layer. Sit at a table and reach across it. Check that the buttons lie flat and the shoulders let you move; do not stretch the buttons to close it.

4 Measure before buying

If you are considering a new cardigan, measure one you own laid flat and copy the seller's chart for one size into the measurement rows. Compare the numbers rather than the letter size.

Tips

- Cream trousers show spills, so keep a napkin or apron within reach if you will be serving the meal.
- If you do not own cream trousers, the same palette works with ivory or oatmeal ones; write the actual shade on the card.
- The optional cardigan link is an affiliate link. Check the selected size, measurements, material, care and return terms on the current listing. Other pictured clothes and accessories are separate.
- The printable is free to download and print. No account, email or purchase is required.

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1. Palette card (color in or tape a fabric snip; tick when it looks right in daylight)

☐ **Black cardigan**
Shade: _____

☐ **Cream trousers**
Shade: _____

☐ **Accent (optional)**
Shade: _____

2. Garment measurements (laid flat)

Measurement	Cardigan I own	Chart, size ____	Difference
Underarm width			
Shoulder width			
Body length			
Sleeve length			

3. Seated check

- ☐ Buttons lie flat when seated
- ☐ Shoulders let me reach across the table
- ☐ Trouser hems clear of the floor in the shoes I will wear
- ☐ Cream fabric checked for marks before the day

4. Decision

Accent I will add: _____

Wear the cardigan: open / buttoned _____