A travel-day cardigan capsule for holiday visits

Three-day packing checklist • Free, no signup or purchase.

Pack three days of holiday-visit outfits around one cardigan you can wear on the travel day and again at your host's. Plan each day from pieces you own, test the travel-day outfit sitting, carrying a bag and walking, and check care labels before you pack. The free three-day packing checklist shows which pieces you will rewear.

You need

- One cardigan you own or are considering, ideally one that works with both bottoms
- Two tops and two bottoms you already own, plus the shoes you will travel in
- The bag you will carry on the travel day
- A flexible measuring tape
- The free three-day packing checklist (PDF) printed on US Letter paper, and a pen

1 Plan three outfits

Lay out the cardigan, two tops and two bottoms. Write an outfit for the travel day, the visit day and a third day on the checklist, repeating pieces where they work. Add a spare layer only if the expected weather calls for it.

2 Test the travel-day outfit

Put the travel-day outfit on. Sit for a few minutes, lift and carry your bag and walk around. Check that the cardigan hem stays clear of your shoes and any rolling luggage, and that the sleeves do not bunch under your coat.

3 Measure a cardigan you like

If you are considering a new cardigan, lay one you own flat and measure from the top of the shoulder to the hem and across the chest at the underarms. Compare those numbers with the seller's size chart rather than relying on the letter size.

4 Check care labels and pack

Read the care label on each piece. Hand-wash-only items are harder to refresh during a visit, so note them. Tick the pieces you will rewear and pack them in the order you will wear them.

Tips

- A cardigan in a neutral that works with both bottoms does most of the repeating for you.
- If one top only works with one bottom, swap it for a top that works with both before you pack.
- The optional cardigan link is an affiliate link. Check the selected garment size, material, care directions and return terms on the current listing. Other pictured pieces and accessories are separate.
- The printable is free to download and print. No account, email or purchase is required.

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Optional product details: check the current listing and manufacturer directions.

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1. Three-day outfit plan

Day	Top	Bottom	Cardigan?	Shoes
Travel day			☐	
Visit day			☐	
Day three			☐	

2. Pieces to rewear (tick each day worn)

Piece	Travel day	Visit day	Day three
Cardigan	☐	☐	☐
Top 1	☐	☐	☐
Top 2	☐	☐	☐
Bottom 1	☐	☐	☐
Bottom 2	☐	☐	☐
Spare layer	☐	☐	☐

3. Before packing

- ☐ Sat, carried my bag and walked in the travel-day outfit
- ☐ Cardigan hem clear of shoes and rolling luggage
- ☐ Cardigan sleeves fit under my coat
- ☐ Care labels read; hand-wash-only pieces noted

4. Notes

Expected weather (high, low, rain or snow): _____

Cardigan length that suits me (shoulder to hem): _____