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"Fashion is like art; I'm building a collection that will appreciate in value over time."

—ANN, 35, stylist

Beautiful clothes are works of art. When I look at fashion books full of pictures of clothes from decades ago, I dream about pulling special items from my own closet in 20 years. So I've started collecting gorgeous pieces, such as a Chanel suit and a vintage, hand-embroidered kimono.

I'm willing to spend a lot of money on clothes I'll never throw away. Recently, I spotted a chiffon Chloé top with beaded sleeves. It was elegant, sophisticated—and very expensive! At first, I didn't even bother to try it on, but for weeks, it haunted me. That was a sure sign I should own it. So I went back to the store for it.

Though I could have spent the same money on many less-expensive items, I rationalized that this versatile top could be paired with either jeans or dress pants. Now, it's a key part of my wardrobe, and I'll have it forever. My closet isn't quite ready to be curated for a museum show yet. But by the time I'm done, it will be.



HOW DO YOU justify YOUR splurges?



Give up lattes for a year to pay for that coat. You take such good care of those shoes that you'll wear them for years to come. Here, six women confess the deals they make—with themselves—to justify their priciest purchases

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