

There is a term called shop your wardrobe: have you heard of it? It's where you go through your wardrobe, possibly pulling out pieces you forgot you had and then have a go at restyling them.

Shop my wardrobe? Nah, I'll shop my Mum's!

It's great to do when you don't have the pennies to buy new items, or you just want to make the most out of what you already possess. It can be really fun and also a challenge trying to put new outfits together. For example, you may have a floral shirt which you just aren't feeling anymore. Look at it and think how else could I wear this? I find chucking on a jumper in a colour which matches/contrasts with it can suddenly give it a whole new look.

So one day I thought about doing this with my own wardrobe. As I opened my wardrobe door and peered in I suddenly

had a thought: instead of shopping my wardrobe I'll shop my Mum's! So off I trotted to Mum's house and declared, as striding through the front door with an air of excitement, "I'm here to raid your wardrobe, Mum!"

Mum's wardrobe certainly didn't disappoint. The first gem I found was a beauty of a jumper which she bought in either the late eighties or early nineties. It was black with a bold bright pattern straight down one side of it. Straight away I was excited at the thought of styling it and envisioned it with jeans and my pink Dr. Martens, perfect!



The next treasure I unearthed was a fabulous denim embroidered jacket with shoulder pads. The gorgeous blue teamed with bright embroidery was a perfect match and without doubt was coming home with me.

Finally, as my search was nearly over I laid my eyes upon some gorgeous knee high flat tan boots discarded in the bottom of the wardrobe. They were from Jones the Boot Maker and, on first inspection, had never been worn. I knew straight away why, they have a flat heel and my Mum does not do flats. Result for me!

Needless to say 'Shop my Mum's wardrobe' was a success! It was nice to come away with some retro items as well as modern ones and styling them differently to how my Mum had done. So why don't you give it a try? Shop your wardrobe: your Mum's, your Sister's, your Aunt's or a friend's. A piece of clothing that has reached the end of its style journey in their wardrobe could be ready to start a new one in yours.

You could even arrange a 'swap party' with your friends where you all agree to bring items of clothing from your own wardrobes which you do not want to wear anymore. Then you can have a fun evening with your friends shopping each other's clothes and restyling your new items. A piece of clothing that has reached the end of its style journey in their wardrobe could be ready to start a new one in yours. Go on, you never know what you might find!



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