

thrift.fit

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I got into buying clothes on eBay after spending \$200 to rent a shitty tuxedo and realizing that the same money could buy one that cost \$5,000 new.

eBay is full of beautiful vintage pieces made from fantastic materials and obscure brands. If you know what to look for, you can buy extraordinarily well-made clothes for very little money.

The problem is the looking and figuring out if something will fit. Every brand fits differently, people preferred different sizing in the 70s, and returning things is annoying when it's possible at all. Meanwhile, you have to check 5-10 measurements for every garment type: the chest of that jacket might fit, but what about the raglan sleeves, and is it too long?

Most sellers take photos of their clothing with tape measures but do you have an intuition for what length of sleeves would be good on a dress shirt vs an overcoat? How about converting between centimeters and inches in your head?

I built [thrift.fit](#)^[a] to make that process easier. You save measurements from clothes you already like wearing, tell it what you're looking for, and it compares eBay listings with those reference garments. You get an email with new items that fit you in your price range each morning.

thrift.fit pulls listing information from eBay, extracts measurements from the text and suitable measurement photos, and compares them with your saved garments. You can evaluate listings from your eBay watchlist or look for pieces through saved searches. The results bring together a fit assessment, condition notes based on the seller's description, brand information, and the asking price.

Using clothes you already own as the reference makes the question more specific. You know how your favorite jacket feels when you put it on and how it might be perfect in the chest but a smidge small in the shoulders. thrift.fit remembers this perfectly and will assess every other jacket it sees accordingly.

thrift.fit is currently invite-only. You can request an invitation at firehosesignal.com^[b].

Links

- a. thrift.fit
- b. firehosesignal.com