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## 11 Washington Area Personal Stylists Ready to Help With Your Wardrobe Dilemmas

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A wardrobe consultant can go through your closet, pull together flattering outfits, and make dressing for any occasion easier

By **Kelly DiNardo** Published Friday, September 23, 2011

There's your first power suit. And a tattered denim jacket. And a dress that still has the tags on it because you're just not sure. It may be time to call in a professional—a consultant who goes through your closet, tosses what needs to go, keeps what's flattering, and helps you figure out what's missing. Here are 11 other good wardrobe consultants in the area.

**Lauren Rothman**  
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While working at *Elle* magazine, Rothman realized she missed working with "the body and real people." She began freelancing as a stylist and launched StyleAuteur five years ago. Rothman looks to develop long-term relationships with clients, who tend to be lawyers, CEOs, athletes, and politicians. In addition to the usual closet edit and shopping, Rothman helps clients organize and create outfits for different events. She might work with someone about to go on a book tour. "I get a schedule ahead of time of where they will appear and select outfits that will either pop on the television screen or be dynamic in person," says Rothman. "Speaking to a group at a university will command a different look than *Good Morning America*."

**What it costs:** \$175 to \$225 an hour, depending on location.

**Rothman's must-have pieces:** A great pointy-toe shoe and a fitted white button-down—or a white blazer if button-down shirts don't work for your body type. "And everyone should have a pair of shades to hide behind."

**Angelique Alston**

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Alston, an image consultant with Outer Skinz Image Group, has worked with Black Entertainment Television, the Black Eyed Peas, and singer Norah Jones. For the average Joe and Jane, she starts with a consultation that looks at lifestyle, body type, budget, and flattering colors. Then she goes through the closet helping clients decide what to keep, what to toss, and what to have tailored. She takes photos of key pieces and can put together a look book—she has a client for whom she compiles one for each season.

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