



ONLY GOT \$20 IN YOUR POCKET? HERE'S HOW TO POP SOME TAGS

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If a tight budget has you wondering how you'll be able to update your fall wardrobe, a solution is waiting for you right down the street. The thrifting movement has been taking place for the past few years, and it seems that it hasn't lost steam yet. Thrifting is the perfect way to get a few great clothing pieces with your spare bucks. Sophomore Xernay Aniwar is an expert on the trend. "I've gotten all of my best clothes in my wardrobe for under 10 dollars," Aniwar said.

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Not only can you save, but thrifting is also a social activity that you can do with a group of friends.

Elon students are surrounded by numerous thrift stores and consignment shops in the Burlington area. A popular choice is the local Goodwill just a few minutes down South Church Street. Students also have easy access to U-Save Thrift Store on St. Marks Church Road and Sherry's on Main located on West Main Street. Neoshia Howard, a sales associate at the Goodwill location, says that there

isn't a day that goes by without the store receiving some sort of donation. When asked if there's an art to thrifting, Howard said, "You should really just try on anything that catches your eye."

On your next thrifting trip, arrive armed with your closest friends, a patient mindset and a list full of creative ideas. You just might find your new favorite pair of jeans or a great chair for your apartment. Thrifting is an activity that takes a little bit of work, but it can produce great, unexpected rewards.

If the task of thrifting seems overwhelming, and you're discouraged by the possibility of not finding anything, here are five simple tips to keep in mind during your next thrifting experience...

PATIENCE

It's obvious, but it's easy to forget when you're standing in a sea of grandpa sweaters. The best items won't jump out at you when you first enter the store. It will take diligence and lots of patience to find a few great pieces.

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Explore All Sections

One of the worst thrifting mistakes you can make is only browsing sections that apply to you (i.e. women, men, etc.). Some of the most versatile and unique pieces can be found in the least expected places.

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DONATE

This is great for those of you who have buyer's remorse because your closet is already swelling with clothes. If you come to a store with a mindset that you can only get as many pieces as you have donated, then you'll feel much better about the purchase. Most thrift stores similar to Goodwill receive your unwanted clothing at the back of the building. You can drop anything off you don't want in old shopping or garbage bags.

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CALL AHEAD

It's disappointing to arrive at a thrift store that only offers a completely picked-over collection. Stores are constantly accepting donations, but they may have a designated day of the week when they stock the store with new merchandise. Call ahead for that information, and plan accordingly.

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HAVE AN EYE FOR ADJUSTMENTS

Don't judge an article of clothing by your first impression. A large T-shirt can become a cute crop top. Or, mom jeans can be transformed into high-waisted shorts with a little innovation.

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