AN EDITED KID'S CLOSET

While some clothes are unavoidably seasonal, I try to use most of the kid's clothes year round. These lists are not extreme minimalism, they are an edited closet that I have found allows us to do laundry once a week (though it is a couple of loads).

Before I buy I ask myself...

Do they really need this or could I wait to purchase it?

Is there something they currently own that could achieve the same purpose?

Can I name 4 outfits involving this piece?

Following the One in One out rule, what is leaving by buying this piece?

How big can I possibly buy this and have it still be wearable to get the most use out of it?

Can I get this second-hand or borrowed?



SMALL THOUGHTS...

- Accept Hand-Me-Downs selectively keeping the above guidelines in mind.
- When possible, budget to allow quality over quantity.
- Check the tag for fabric content, choose natural fibers (cotton, linen...)
- Look for patterns that would hide stains (especially on tops)
- Try to repair and mend the clothes you have to extend their life (or outsource this)
- Controversially, I avoid buying logo'd or character clothing for the kids. That way they can dress themselves and all items tend to match.
- Store clothes at kid height and organize by tops, bottoms etc so they can easily find what they need (space allowing).
- Always have a basket to toss clothes that are outgrown and deal with them quickly.

AN EDITED KID'S CLOSET GUIDE

Boy

4-5 x pairs of pants
4 x long sleeved shirts
5 x short sleeved shirts
3 x shorts
2 x overalls
2 x sweater

Girl

3-4 x dresses
1-2 x overalls
4 x pants/leggings
5 x tops
2 x shorts
1 x skirt
3 x tights
3 x kneehigh socks
2 x sweaters

Outerwear Both

1 x Winter Coat
1 x Fall Coat
1 x Muddy Buddy
1 x Rain Coat
1 x Runners
1 x Rain Boots
1 x Snow Boots
1 x Sandals
1 x Watershoes

Extras Both

1 Swimsuit
1 Hat
1 Toque





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