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## New Year - New Clothes (from the clearance rack)

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I recently agreed on a Sparker's blog that I wasn't going to buy much (if anything) new this year. Of course, it's not all that hard for me. After nearly 50 years together, there's not much DH and I need that we don't already have. That means that my teenage grandsons sleep on "Incredible Hulk" sheets when they visit and our Christmas tree is 46 years old. That's all OK. I like having stuff around that reminds me of the past.

I keep my clothes for a long time too. Fortunately, having the latest fashion isn't a priority. I'm retired since 2007. For me it's all about comfort and usefulness.

Then there's my frugal gene, a sixth sense that alerts me when there's something really good out there.

Each of these 3 tops were \$11 (originally \$40-\$50)



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The top here is old, but I found the "Chicos" skirt at Goodwill for \$3.75. I don't usually wear skirts, let alone glittery gold and black ones, but it did give me a boost of holiday spirit.



Oops, I forgot to take one picture. I also bought a "3 in 1" winter jacket for \$35 (originally \$140).

It's really warm with a removable hood and a zip-out lining that can be a lightweight jacket all by itself. The outer shell is water resistant and can serve as a lighter weight raincoat. That hit all my requirements - comfortable, flexible use and a real bargain.

OK, I remember my blog comment precisely. I said if I did buy anything new I would get rid of something. So today I'll go through my closet to see what I can donate that someone else might actually want.

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**PHEBESS**

Love your last photo - absolutely perfect outfit for about 90% of the dress-up events or occasions! And it looks like it would pack well for travel!!  
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**MJZHERE**

I keep my clothes for a long time too. Needing some smaller sizes, I did buy several jeans last year that I couldn't pass up for \$3 (Sears) but listened to husband who likes them tight (only the "tight" sizes for the cheap price). Planning on wearing them after dropping a few gained lbs. Now I am quite a few more lbs. and the jeans have never been worn! Don't even know that I want to get that low again - at least they will make nice donations once I decide.  
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**ALEXSGIRL1**

great choices and its great to have new things that dont cost regular price.  
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**WALLAHALLA**

I have a ton of purging I need to do. Hard to get rid of clothes that I love though.  
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**DOVESEYES**

Nothing like retail therapy and a bargain makes it all the more to savour.  
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**ONEKIDSMOM**

Great finds! Good hunting for the items to donate! I'm working on throwing out socks and undies when I find them worn or ratty. Too easy to keep them longer than one should!  
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To a  
Happy and Healthy 2016!



**LIVEDAILY**

Such a deal!! 😊 I especially like that turtleneck on you - you look good in gray! That coat was a bargain - you should have that for a good long while!!



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**PHOENIX1949**

Nice. I especially like the third top. Love a good bargain, aka 'heckuvadeal.'  
Happy, Healthy New Year !!  
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**CHERALA**

Great choices in both your fashion style and being true to your frugality!

1987 days ago



**A\_NEW\_JAN**

I love those 3-in-1 jackets! Mine is really old (at least 16 years), but I wore it throughout our recent blizzard & was the only one who wasn't shivering!  
The tops & skirt are lovely.

I follow the "one in, one out" theory, too, though I might give a frying pan away if I purchase a



sweater. It still gets something out of my home that I no longer find useful.  
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#### SYLPHINPROGRESS

It would be fun to go shopping with you. It will be even more fun if the Hulk sheets hold up so that your grandsons' children can sleep on them. I hope the teenagers aren't restless sleepers.



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#### MILLEDGE2

What fun to be able to shop for regular-sized bargains! And what joy to be able to pick and choose whether you'll even buy. Have a lovely 2016!

1987 days ago



#### MISCHAKEO

You made excellent choices and you look lovely in all of them. Great bargains!

Happy New Year!

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#### 50YEARSAWIFE

Great choices and I love the glittery outfit. Happy New Year.

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#### TERI-RIFIC

Very pretty! I especially like the long skirt. Quite striking. I want to buy some GAP jeans, but they are very expensive. I'm waiting for a sale!

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#### SWEDE\_SU

i'm the same way - there isn't much we don't have after 45 years, either. i also try to get rid of something each time i buy something new, but i need to seriously go through the closet... again...

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#### WATERMELLEN

You look terrific!! The most expensive thing we wear is the body under the clothes -- at my "hourly rate" in foregone docketing for exercise/food shopping and prep it's pretty costly. But I save so much time shopping for something that "won't make me look fat" because (sadly) everything made me look fat when I WAS (yup, sad but true) FAT!!

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