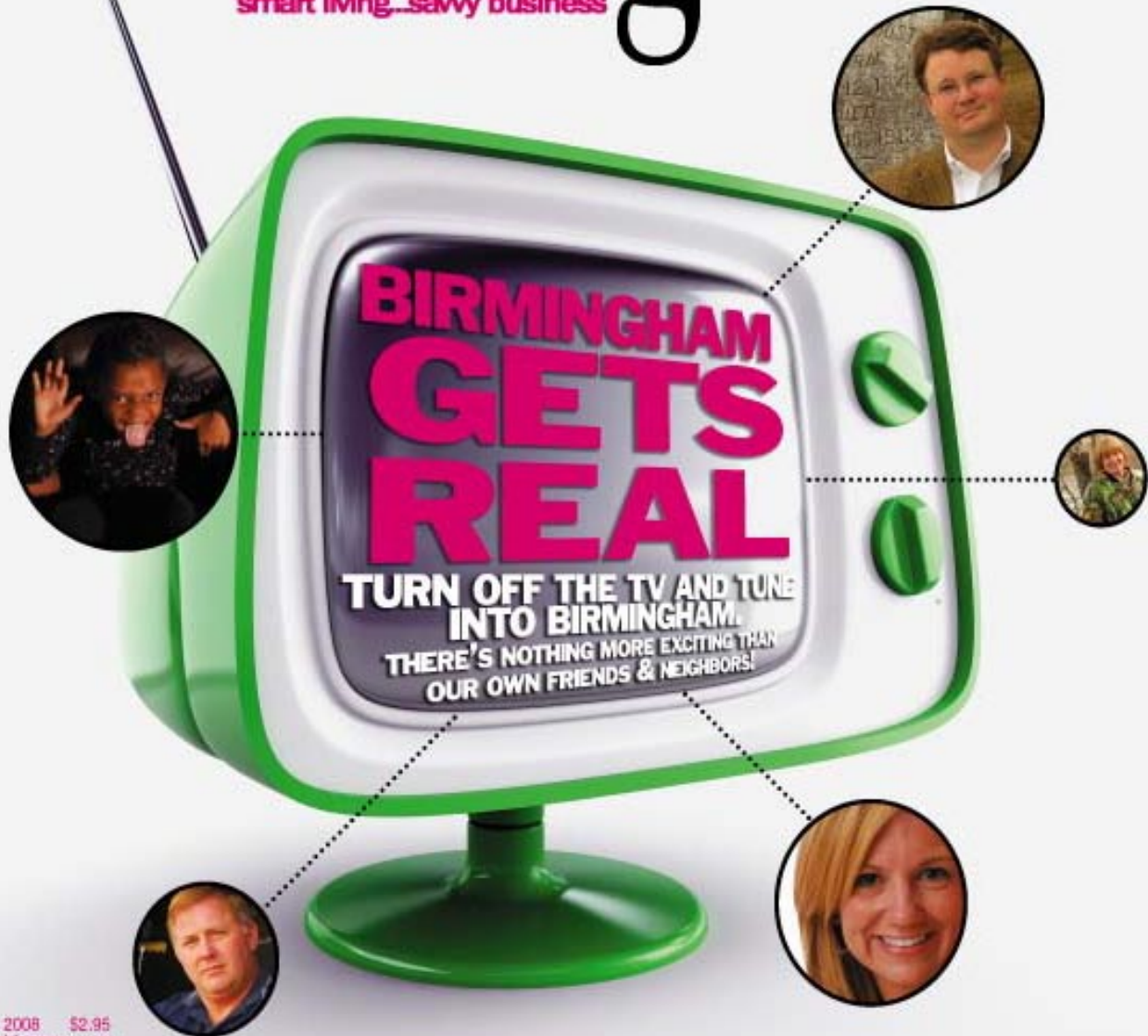


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When she dies, Tracy Robinson's husband is going to sprinkle her ashes over The Summit—at least that's what she says. Her hilarious claim may be bogus but Robinson, a fashion consultant, stylist and owner of **chicmadesimple**, loves shopping and clothes so much that she's wrapped her career around them.

"People are realizing that they spend money on their teeth, a decorator to decorate their home and a haircutter to cut their hair, so why not talk to a professional about their wardrobe?" she says.

So, just like Stacy London and Clinton Kelly on *What Not to Wear*, Robinson enters clients' closets when invited and throws out unacceptable attire.

"I have thrown away some pretty bad clothing items," she says. "I've seen it all—even stirrup pants and jackets with American flags on the back."

Robinson undergoes a complete closet inventory with each of her clients and decides what to "keep, ditch or design."

"We literally go through every item in their closet," she says. "It's not just a closet transformation, but a personal transformation too."

Robinson shared a few tips that she frequently offers her clients about the dos and don'ts of fashion so read on and evaluate your closet.

For more information about Robinson's services, visit chicmadesimple.com

Dos



- Make sure you have the basics for each season such as a nice chocolate brown and black turtleneck.
- True investment pieces such as a well-tailored black pant suit or a beautiful wrap dress
- High quality material—You don't want to see your bra through your shirt or have it fade when washed.
- Wear age-appropriate clothing.
- A little black dress
- Every woman needs a bit of color.
- Black and brown pumps or heels
- Accessories—chandelier earrings, fun chunky necklaces, statement pieces
- Wear white after Labor Day—The opposite used to be true because years ago when it became cooler, people would use coal burning furnaces, which would emit soot into the air and soil white clothing if you were wearing it.

THE DOS AND DON'TS OF FASHION

Don'ts



- Worn items
- Clothing with faded colors
- Items that don't fit properly or aren't flattering
- Clothing that isn't comfortable, makes you sneeze or is scratchy
- Strapless dresses that you'll tug on all night
- Very trendy items that were trends a couple of seasons ago—don't spend a high percentage of your wardrobe budget on trendy items but instead save your money for true investment pieces.
- Items that you haven't worn in two seasons
- Mock turtlenecks for men or women—Why not go the whole way and wear a real turtleneck?
- Too many accessories—An age-old rule: When you get dressed, before you leave the house take one accessory off.

