PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

The Sneaker Collection Checklist

What to record for every pair you own, and why each field earns its place.

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Identifying the pair

Specific enough that a stranger could find the exact shoe. Future-you is a stranger.

- [ ] **Write the full model name**, not the nickname.
- [ ] **Record the colorway** — official name and the common one if they differ.
- [ ] **Copy the style code from the box label.** The only field that uniquely identifies a shoe, and the one everybody skips.
- [ ] **Note the size and which sizing system.** US, UK and EU differ; men's and women's differ again.
- [ ] **Record the release year.** Retros of the same colorway are not equivalent across years.

Condition, honestly

Self-reported grading, so everyone rounds up. Write down what is actually true.

- [ ] **Grade it: DS, VNDS, or used** with a rough wear count.
- [ ] **Note box status.** Original, replacement, or none — sometimes a real fraction of the value.
- [ ] **List accessories.** Extra laces, hang tags, original tissue.
- [ ] **Photograph flaws specifically.** Yellowing, creasing, sole separation, heel drag. A documented flaw is a disclosure; an undocumented one is a dispute.

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The money fields

Two numbers doing different jobs.

- [ ] **Record what you paid all-in** — including shipping, tax and any resale premium over retail.
- [ ] **Record what it is worth now**, updated a few times a year rather than daily.
- [ ] **Note where you bought it.** Retail, consignment, a friend, a raffle.
- [ ] **Log the date acquired**, so you can see how the pair has moved over time.

> **Worth being honest about:** a collection can be worth more than you paid overall while most individual pairs are worth less. Only per-pair records make that visible — and it changes what you buy next.

What you actually wear

The field nobody keeps, and the one that changes behavior.

- [ ] **Keep a wear count per pair.** Approximate beats none.
- [ ] **Record the date last worn.** This finds the pairs quietly retiring without your permission.
- [ ] **Work out cost per wear:** what you paid plus upkeep, divided by wears.
- [ ] **Note the occasion** if a pair only ever comes out for specific things.

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Care and storage

Maintenance is a real cost, and it attaches to specific pairs.

- [ ] **Log cleans with dates.** Frequency matters more than any single clean.
- [ ] **Log restoration work.** Sole swaps, de-yellowing, repaints, cobbler repairs.
- [ ] **Record what each cost.** A $30 de-yellow on a rarely-worn pair changes its cost per wear.
- [ ] **Assign a storage zone** — box wall, shelf, bin, unit — and a position within it.
- [ ] **Note storage conditions.** Heat and sunlight yellow soles and degrade adhesives.

If you ever have to claim

- [ ] **Keep an itemized list**, not a total.
- [ ] **Record per-item values** with a note on how you arrived at them.
- [ ] **Photograph the pairs** and, for valuable ones, the box label with the style code.
- [ ] **Date the record** and keep a copy somewhere other than the building the collection is in.
- [ ] **Update values after a market move.** A collection valued at old hype prices is mis-insured in one direction or the other.

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WHEN PAPER STOPS BEING ENOUGH

This checklist can't count your wears.

Paper is good at telling you what to record. It cannot total a collection, work out cost per wear, or show you which pairs have appreciated and which have not. That part needs something that does the arithmetic.

The MDRN Sneaker Collection Tracker

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