



A list of items that each novice monk had to bring with him to the monastery

1 mattress	2 night shirts	2 towels
2 pairs of blankets	A white night cap	A bag for dirty clothes
2 pairs of bedcovers	3 shirts	A bowl
3 coverlets	4 pairs of breeches	A glass cup
1 fur coverlet	2 pairs of stockings	A silver spoon
3 pillows	4 pairs of socks	A small night belt
	3 pairs of handkerchiefs	A belt and a pouch containing a knife
1 cowl and frock	2 pairs of day boots and 1 pair for night	A comb
1 furred black tunic	A leather jacket	A needle and thread
1 plain black tunic		Writing tablets
2 white tunics		
1 black furred hood		
1 plain black hood	A shaving cloth	

Read this list of things that every novice monk had to bring with him to the monastery.

Compare this list of possessions for a monk with your own possessions.

What do they tell you about life at the monastery?

Do you think any boy or man could become a novice monk?

What might prevent some from joining the monastery?

Do you think this list is complete?