

# DRESS YOUR PART

Even if you're not the bride this year, wedding season still means you have to get your wardrobe in order. **Rhea Dhanbhoora** tells you how to dress for a wedding without upstaging the bride and enduring her wrath

Wedding season is fast approaching and before you start panicking about what to wear for all the weddings you've been invited to, you should read our tips. It's no use and just bad karma if your aim is to outshine the bride, but going to a wedding underdressed or in the wrong colours can spell disaster too. Here's a quick guide.

## DOS AND DON'TS

- On a general basis, we suggest you avoid white and red because you don't want to take the attention away from

the bride and these are the two most common colours across cultures. Opt for other bright or pastel colours such as blue, green and yellow.

- Do think about the crowd and the type of wedding. While there's no 'dress code' for any wedding, it would look a little silly showing up in heavy traditional wear for a destination beach wedding or a summer dress for a traditional do.

- Some cultures prefer if you don't wear dark colours and feel a bit insulted if you show up dressed in black — while other cultures welcome black as evening attire. Make sure you find out about the traditions before

choosing your outfit.

- Make sure you're prepared for wardrobe malfunctions. Carry safety pins with you if you're not too sure about pleats staying in place when you're wearing a sari.

- Never, ever wear jeans to a wedding, even if they're embellished ones. And although pant suits and trousers are trendy, we suggest staying away from them for wedding wear.

- As a general rule, a short dress, a light coloured dress, a light sari or a salwar suit is good for a daytime wedding and a cocktail dress, embellished sari or anarkali is best for an evening wedding.



>> Trust us, you don't want to be the girl who pisses off the bride on her wedding day. So, make sure to follow our dressing guide

## EXPERT ADVICE

Designer Shouger Merchant Doshi tells us that it's not so much what you should avoid when it comes to dressing for a wedding, but what you should do. She says, "Dress classy and elegant, but always aim to choose an outfit that sets you apart from the crowd — but only slightly." Unless you're at a wedding where the bride is wearing white (usually at Christian or Parsi weddings) don't avoid light colours. "It looks beautiful, especially when mixed with the right colours," says Shouger. She gives us a few tips:

- Bright colours are good — don't shy away from colours that pop because the duller your ensemble, the duller you will look.
- Too much skin is a no-no unless you want the wrong kind of attention drawn to you.
- A concept sari with the right amount of work or a light lehenga in gold, purple, peach or pink or even a heavy anarkali will work great for an Indian wedding. The ensemble should be comfortable and the look must be effortless and not contrived.
- Light lehengas are understated yet dressy. Princess-like floor length anarkalis look great for a traditional wedding. Whether it's western or Indian, a trendy, cocktail dress always works.
- There are no set rules to follow when it comes to dressing up for any wedding. I think apart from judging whether its a conservative function or not, any of the trendy outfits have a way of adapting to any kind of wedding function.
- Wear large earrings and a not-so-heavy necklace or a heavy necklace with small earrings. Don't overdo your jewellery.
- Dusted gold eye shadow is much better than the smoked eye look. The more subtle the makeup the more you look effortlessly radiant.

\* Get in touch with or buy Zanaāya Couture outfits at their studio at Nepeansea Road.

## << 5 WAYS TO ROCK: DHOTI PANTS



>> Kiran Rao shows us how dhoti pants can be worn to a glitzy event

### 1. INDIAN LOOK

If you want a traditional look, it is really easy. Just team your dhoti pants with a short kurta, jhumkas, bangles and mojris. You're all set to hit a Navratri night, traditional day at college or even a small function at home.

### 2. FUNKY LOOK

Wear a t-shirt and dhoti pants in contrasting colours. You can accessorise with a statement neckpiece, dramatic shoes or a great bag and you are all set to go out for lunch or just hanging out with friends at a café. This look is sure to make heads turn.

### 3. ROCKER CHIC LOOK

These pants can add an edge to your look and if styled correctly make you look like a rocker chick. All you need is a well fitting t-shirt and a blazer. Pair your pants with a solid coloured t-shirt and a blazer. Add some funky accessories if you feel like it, but keep it simple.

### 4. BOHEMIAN LOOK

These pants have been designed for the bohemian look! All you need is some bright colours and hippie jewellery. Pick a pair of bright coloured pants, pair it with a vibrant t-shirt or even a kurta and add some bangles, earrings, payals and a head band.

### 5. CLASSY LOOK

Who said you can't wear these pants at a formal affair or a classy dinner? Here's what you need to do. Buy a pair of more A-line pants in a darker colour and pair it with a shirt. You can add a belt if you like and a pair of neutral wedges will give it the classy look. You can even add a pair of nice earrings or bracelets and a bag to complete the outfit.

## << CELEB HIT OR MISS: GLYNDA ALVES FINDS OUT WHICH STARS MANAGE TO PULL OFF THE TRADITIONAL LOOK AND WHO FAILED TO MATCH UP



**SHILPA SHETTY**  
The newest yummy mummy on the block looks radiant in a red sari. We love the quirky print that adds a contemporary touch to her traditional look. Her potli bag and gold bangles are the perfect accessories to her outfit.



**KANGANA RANAUT**  
It looks like Kangana took whatever leftover material she had and asked her tailor to put it together. The black pants and accessories don't tie the outfit together either. Her fashion fail is so disappointing as we usually love her style.



**SONALI BENDRE**  
We like the shades of gold and orange being used but we feel that the Sonali isn't comfortable at all in her outfit. The dupatta is the focus and seems to be engulfing the lovely lady. Her makeup and hair aren't done very well either.



**PRACHI DESAI**  
We love the modern twist on the traditional anarkali. The fact that Prachi hasn't worn a dupatta adds an edge and makes her look unfussy. The side pony tail and smokey eyes get a thumbs up from us as well.



**RAVEENA TANDON**  
Raveena manages to go fully traditional and we love the muted gold and cherry red combination. The salwar is modest and classy and the work on her outfit is beautiful. Everything is perfect... except those red wedges.

## << JUST OUT!

### EYOVA HAIR NUTRIENT

Eyova isn't oil, serum or a conditioner — it's a nutrient that claims to work drastically on hair-fall, a grey mane and new hair growth. However, for the meager quantity and the steep price that it comes for, we aren't sure if it works its magic in the expected manner. After using it for thrice a week for two weeks, the only noticeable difference was that my hair was shinier. Maybe if used for a longer period of time, it might work, but two weeks of usage led to no substantial improvement.

PRICE ₹675

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## << TOP 5: CLOVE PRODUCTS



### 1. BIOTIQUE CLOVE OIL & WILD TURMERIC FACE PACK

This pack is a mix of age old anti-blemish and anti-inflammation herbs clove and turmeric. It is the best remedy for acne and other skin problems caused due to oily skin.

PRICE: ₹199



### 2. LOTUS NEEM & CLOVE FACE WASH

This face wash has the goodness of neem and clove which helps get rid of spots and pimples. Use it to deal with errant pimples and blackheads. This will help also keep your pores clean and your skin glowing.

PRICE: ₹75



### 3. VLCC OIL CONTROL SCRUB PACK

If you use this cream on a regular basis you can say goodbye to your acne issues. This scrub and pack combination is great for all kinds of skin. It controls the secretion of oil and prevents the outbreak of pimples. The scrub removes the dirt from your face and leaves you looking clean and refreshed.

PRICE: ₹225



### 4. NATURAL BATH & BODY ANTI-ACNE GEL

This gel is great for dealing with acne that already exists on your face, as it dries up existing pimples. It has anti-inflammatory properties and also controls the amount of sebum produced by your skin, keeping acne at bay.

PRICE: ₹275



### 5. VAADI FOOT SCRUB

This scrub rejuvenates your feet and keeps them soft and smooth. This works well for cracked heels. The scrub gets rid of all the dead and damaged skin and is like a home pedicure. Use this scrub to get supple, soft and great looking feet.

PRICE: ₹45