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TIME FOR TEA

Tea-length skirts are definitely the hemline to root for this spring. **Rhea Dhanbhora & Shirley Mistry** bring you tea-length skirts for all ages and tips on how to style them

Think that the mini-skirt is passé and that the maxi is too much for you to handle? Enter the humble tea-length, a hemline that skims over the knee and ends anywhere above the ankles. It's a retro look that's coming back in style in a major way, both on the runway and off it. Take a look at what tea-length skirts you should wear depending on your age, what shoes complement them and read our tips on rocking the trend.



PRETTY PRINCESS
Sonaakshi Raj Designs have a beautiful collection of skirts to pick from. This floaty nude one will make you feel like a princess. **Price** On request

IN YOUR 20s

Your 20s are the best time to wear a range of really fun, colourful skirts! You can rock extra frills, patterns and even hi-low tea skirts without looking over-the-top.



SOFT PINK

Get this pretty pink skirt from Pernias Pop Up Shop. The nude pink draped skirt is perfect for a party or a casual lunch date. **Price** ₹8,000



OCHRE PRINTS

Big, floral prints like this one are perfect when you're young. Pick up this ochre printed skirt from Pernias Pop Up Shop. **Price** ₹14,000

BLACK HI-LOW

This hi-low flared skirt from D Muse is a fantastic option for a party. Pair it with nude peep-toes or pretty sling-back heels.

Price ₹899



Wearing tea length skirts

Wearing it to work: Don't be afraid of wearing your tea-length skirt to work. Pair it with a structured blouse and a blazer. If your office is conservative, pick muted colours and prints.

The ballerina: A slightly frilly tea-length skirt in a flowy fabric is key to this look. Pair it with a simple blouse, ballet flats, a sling bag and a top-knot to channel your inner ballerina. Very chic and feminine.

Break out of the mould: Add a spark to your skirt by pairing it with a graphic t-shirt. A cropped one works best, but you could also knot your t-shirt to create a higher hemline.

Like a princess: A voluminous tea-length skirt when paired with a simple blouse and dainty heels will make you look regal. Add a belt to cinch your waist.

Invest in a basic one: A simple white or black tea length skirt will never go out of style. Pair it with a denim shirt, jacket or a neon top — the options are endless!

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IN YOUR 30s

In your thirties, you have to start looking more chic and professional, but that doesn't mean you have to steer clear of fun fabrics or feminine frills. Add a dash of colour and some bold designs for a fashion forward look.



BLACK FLARE

Add a little fun to your look without looking too casual with this value-for-money, black pleated skirt from www.fashionandyou.com. Pair it with coloured wedges or platforms for a super stylish look.

Price ₹499



GRACEFUL CURVES

This might be a little heavy on the pocket, but nothing is more feminine or elegant than this sheer skirt from Turquoise & Gold.

Price ₹18,500



RED HOT

Who says you have to shy away from colour when it comes to tea-length skirts? Pick up this bold red, snug one from Vinegar.

Price ₹2,250



EXCITING ORANGE

We love the bold print on this high-waisted tea-length skirt by Ritika Bharwani.

Price ₹1,700

IN YOUR 40s

Your tea-length skirts should start getting a little straighter and more sombre now, although you can still opt for bold prints that look age appropriate. If you still want to wear pleats, make sure that they fall straighter instead of ballooning out like a princess dress.

STAYING CLASSY

A black skirt is a must-have. To ensure it's not too boring or over-the-top, pick up this black skirt from Pragma and Megha Samor.

Price ₹9,000



SIMPLE PLEATS

If you can't get over pleated tea-length skirts, we suggest picking up this navy one from Sisley.

Price ₹4,999

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While you shouldn't wear pop pinks and neon colours, there's no reason to shy away from lighter colours. Pick thicker lace and cotton or stiffer fabrics though so that you don't look childish.



BLACK & WHITE

This skirt from Calvin Klein, available at www.fashionandyou.com is perfect for older women. The subtle colour, stiffer material and straight fit make it simple but far from boring.

Price ₹2,499



GETTING LACEY

If you're tired of stiff material, you can pick up a classic black lace skirt, like this one from Vinegar.

Price ₹2,000

SOFT AS COTTON

In a pretty, light blue wash, this cotton skirt from Nishka Lulla's collection on Stylista.com is comfortable and trendy, as well as age appropriate.

Price ₹2,950



ROCKING THE PRINTS

For a printed skirt that still looks age appropriate, pick up this slim fitting, tea-length skirt from Bebe.

Price ₹5,990



SHOE WISE

You should break out your most feminine shoes when you're wearing a tea-length skirt. If you want to be comfortable but still look great in the skirt, pair it with kitten heels that will elongate your legs just the right amount. Pretty peep-toe shoes and classic pumps are staples for these skirts. If you want to look really fashion forward, sling back heels and wedges are a great option.



BRIGHT BLUE

Peep-toe heels go great with tea-length skirts. Pick up this pair from Mochi.

Price ₹1,690



SKY HIGH

If you want a really elegant look, get these sky-high heels from Zara.

Price ₹5,990



O CASUAL

A pair of wedges like these from Marks & Spencer are perfect for a casual look.

Price ₹2,799



BLACK & WHITE

Polka dots are super retro and when they're combined with these classic Betty Heel pumps from The Trunk Label, they're the perfect accessory for your tea-length skirt.

Price ₹2,850

SLING IT BACK

Sling back shoes are back in style and they look great when paired with tea-length skirts.

Pick these up from Pavers England.

Price ₹2,799



MOSS GREEN

We love the kitten heels from Lavie. Pick up this moss green pair that is as vintage as the tea-length skirt look.

Price ₹2,395

